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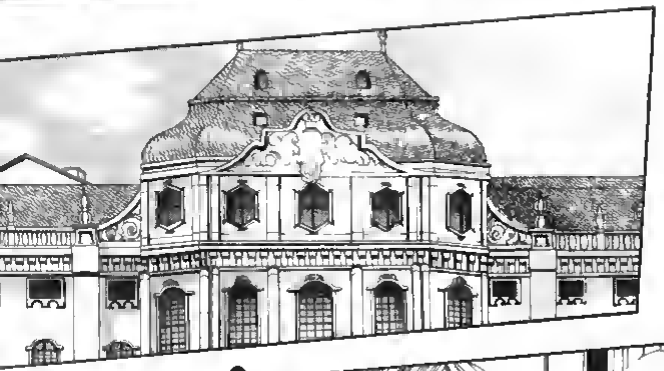

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Character Introductions

VAITH
A LOYAL FOLLOWER OF THE MASTER WIZARD AS WELL AS CAPTAIN OF THE BLACK KNIGHTS. HANDSOME AND DECEPTIVELY SMOOTH.

FERN
ANOTHER DISCIPLE OF THE MASTER WIZARD. BECAUSE HE IS FROM A HAHZE FAMILY, HE HAS AN UNUSUALLY STRONG RESISTANCE TO MAGICAL SPELLS.

GLENN
IN ADDITION TO SERVING THE MASTER WIZARD, THIS SWEET PRIEST PROVIDES EDUCATION TO MANY OF THE TOWN'S CHILDREN.

MERLEAWE
A BRAVE YOUNG GIRL WHO AGREES TO POSE AS THE MISSING SYLTHFARN UNTIL HE CAN BE FOUND. BOTH POSITIVE AND CHEERFUL, SHE IS DETERMINED TO MAKE THIS MOST UNUSUAL MISSION A SUCCESS!

YUE
THE UNDERSECRETARY OF THE MAGIC DEPARTMENT, HE CONSIDERS IT HIS DUTY TO BE VERY STRICT WITH EVERYONE ELSE.

PRINCESS SERAPHIA
SHE IS BOTH PRINCESS OF VIEGALD AND FIANCÉE TO SYLTHFARN.

SYLTHFARN
THE MASTER WIZARD OF VIEGALD. STILL MISSING.

STORY

JUST AS SHE BEGAN TO STUDY MAGIC, MERLEAWE WAS CALLED UPON TO POSE AS SYLTHFARN, THE MASTER WIZARD OF THE KINGDOM OF VIEGALD, SINCE SHE BEARS SUCH A STRIKING RESEMBLANCE TO HIM. CAUGHT UP IN A WORLD SHE DOES NOT KNOW, SHE NOW STRUGGLES TO DO HER BEST WITH THE FULL SUPPORT OF SYLTHFARN'S FOLLOWERS. BUT NOW, DESPITE MEI'S BEST EFFORTS, PRINCESS SERAPHIA HAS BEGUN TO SUSPECT THAT SHE HAS BEEN BETRAYED BY AN IMPOSTER...

WHERE IS...
...SYLTH?!
HUH?
PRINCESS SERAPHIA?
I WASN'T INFORMED YOU PLANNED ON VISITING TODAY.
when did you decide-?
THAT ROOM MUST BE HIS!
WHAT IN THE WORLD IS GOING ON HERE?!

Episode.25

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ARE YOU ALL...
...BLIND?
WHAT'S GOING ON, SERAPHIA?
SIT ON A TACK THIS MORNING?
ぎゅ

!!!
THE MAN YOU'VE BEEN CALLING THE MASTER WIZARD...
...ISN'T THE REAL SYLTH-FARN AT ALL!
NOW YOU HAD BETTER TELL ME WHERE HE IS RIGHT NOW!
H-HE..
IS SHE SERIOUS?
HE'S WORK-ING.
I DIDN'T ASK YOU ABOUT WHAT..
-HE'S DOING.
I DEMAND TO KNOW WHERE HE IS!
DO YOU UNDER STAND ME?
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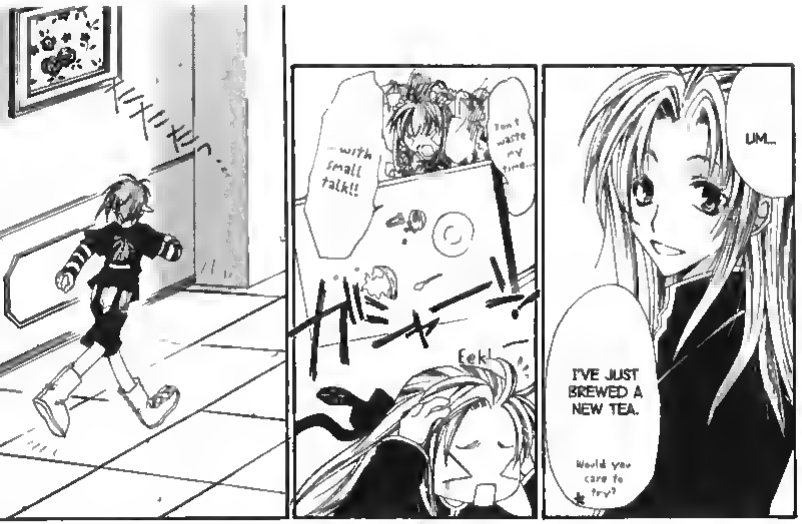
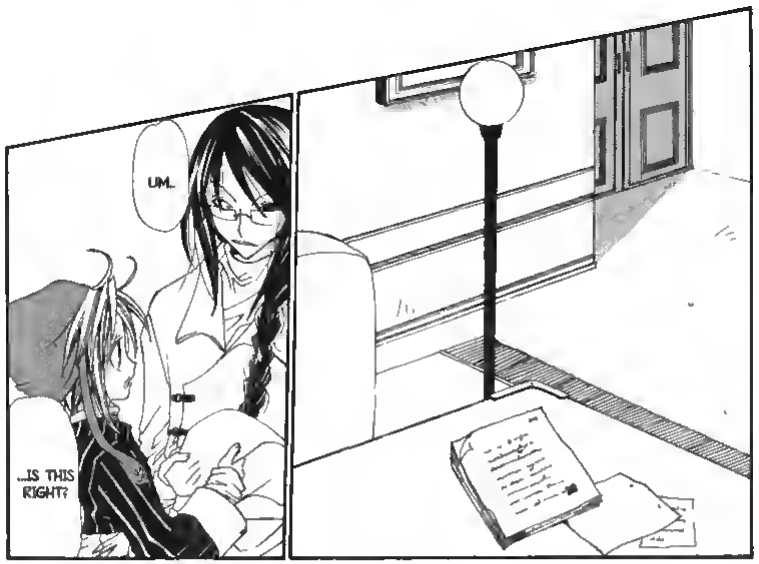
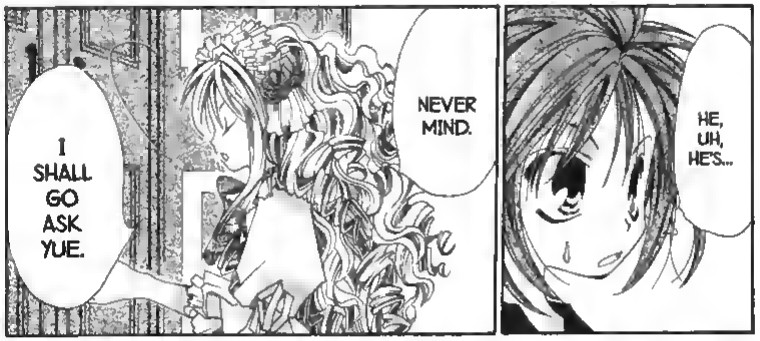

...with small talk!!
Don't waste my time...
Gah!
UM...
I'VE JUST BREWED A NEW TEA.
Would you care to try?


UM...
...IS THIS RIGHT?


I SHALL GO ASK YUE.
NEVER MIND.
HE, UH, HE'S...

OH NO!
I BELIEVE YUE'S TUTORING MERLEAWE AT THIS VERY MOMENT!

PLEASE SIT DOWN. I WILL GO AND FIND OUT HIS SCHEDULE AT ONCE.
PRINCESS SERAPHIM...
GOOD THINKING, GLENN!
...THANK YOU.

GUYS! WE'RE IN BIG TROUBLE!
PRINCESS SERAPHIA SUSPECTS THE TRUTH!
SHE'S COMING TO SEE YOU!
WHAT?

Uh... Uh...
!
ABOUT SYLTH-FARN!
THE PRINCESS KNOWS EVERY-THING!
EH?!
I DON'T KNOW HOW BUT SHE DOES!
I SEE.
What am I going to do?
GLENN'S DETAINED HER IN HIS ROOM RIGHT NOW BUT SHE'LL BE HERE ANY MINUTE!
FERN, TAKE MERLEAWE SOMEWHERE SAFE AND KEEP HER HIDDEN.
I WILL SPEAK TO HER.

YUE!
WELCOME, PRINCESS.
YOU MUST HAVE SOMETHING OF GREAT IMPORTANCE TO DISCUSS, SEEING AS YOU CAME ALL THIS WAY...
...without any notice?
YES!

AH!
MEL!
WE'VE GOTTA GET OUT OF HERE!
OKAY.
COME ON!
LET'S GO SEE VAITH!
!!
NOW...
...WHAT SHALL I SAY?
1 2 3

THING IS...
WHAT'S GOING ON?
I WAS HARD AT WORK.
EXACTLY HOW SHOULD WE RESOLVE THIS?
UM..
WHAT?!
THAT'S NO GOOD AT ALL!
.....

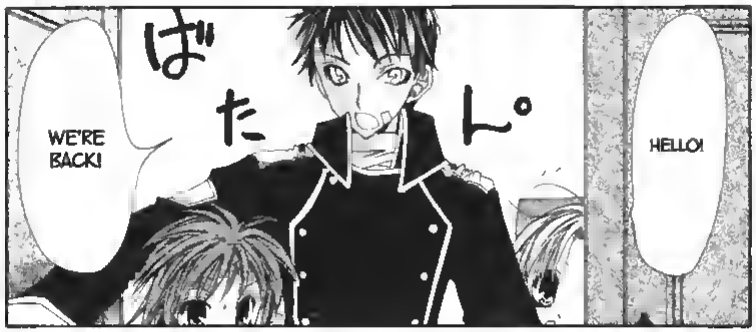
AH
AND--
"AH"?
REMEMBER.
YOU NEED BOTH PHYSICAL AND MENTAL STRENGTH.
URK!
SORRY! I NEED TO BORROW HIM FOR A LITTLE WHILE!
YES, SIR...
MEN! I EXPECT YOU ALL TO DO TWO HUNDRED MORE SIT-UPS AND PUSH-UPS AND THEN WORK ON YOUR SQUATS FOR 20 MINUTES!
THAT'S FIVE SETS!
AND OUR LEADER HAS BEEN KIDNAPPED!
THAT WAS THE MASTER WIZARD!

HUH?
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?
I...
...DON'T WANT TO KEEP RUN-NING.

THE PRINCESS IS ONLY EIGHT YEARS OLD.
AND SHE IS SO PURE.
WE CAN'T DO THAT TO HER
AND NOW WE'RE ABOUT TO RUN AWAY FROM THE TRUTH AGAIN?
FIRST, WE LIED TO HER

I THINK WE OWE HER AN EXPLA-NATION.
SHE LOVES...
...THE MASTER WIZARD SO VERY MUCH!
I CAN'T DECEIVE HER ANYMORE.

LOUD AND CLEAR.
LET'S GO SEE HER.
WHAT? VAITH?!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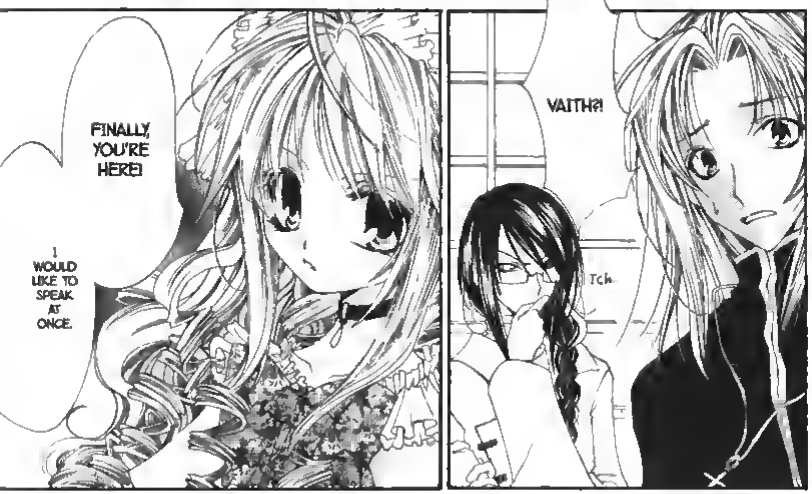
WE'RE BACK!
HELLO!


FINALLY, YOU'RE HERE!
I WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK AT ONCE.
VAITH?!
Tch.

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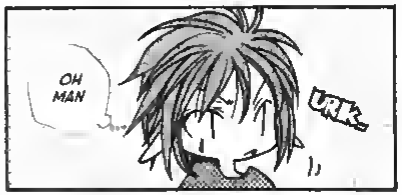
BECAUSE...
WE HAVE NO CHOICE.

ALL RIGHT.
...WE ALL KNOW SHE CAN BE AWFULLY STUBBORN.
HER

SINCE HE'S SUCH A WORRYWART AND ALL.
LET'S HOPE YUE'S PLANNED FOR THIS CONTINGENCY.

NO, SYLTH HAS NEVER FORGOTTEN ANYTHING OR MADE SUCH A CARELESS MISTAKE!
I SHOULDN'T HAVE TO TELL YOU THAT.
EVEN MASTER WIZARDS GET CONFUSED ABOUT STUPID GIRLY DETAILS EVERY ONCE IN A WHILE

FOR-GIVE ME..
..PRIN-CESS.
YOU'RE RIGHT. I'M NOT THE MASTER WIZARD.


OH MAN
URK

WE CAN'T LIE TO HER ANYMORE!

THAT'S FROM OUR LAST VISIT!
AH!

SO I'M THE ONE THAT GOOFED...

THE FLOWER THAT SYLTH OFFERED ME THAT VERY FIRST TIME...
..WAS NOT THIS ONE.

...YOU ARE NOT SYLTH-FARN.
AND SO I KNOW THAT...

PRINCESS, I APOLO-GIZE.
I'M THE ONE RESPON-SIBLE.
SO YOU ARE THE ONE WHO DECEIVED ME...
...YUE?
TELL ME, WHERE IS SYLTH?
HE HAS BEEN MISSING FOR SIX MONTHS NOW.

I...!
YOU'RE...
MEL!
...A GIRL?!

SO YOU WERE TRYING TO PROTECT THE COUNTRY?
IT IS, I ADMIT, A FEEBLE EXCUSE.
YOU BLATANTLY LIED TO MY GRANDFATHER AND ME!
!

NO! I DON'T WANT TO DISCUSS IT ANY-MORE.
ANYWAY...
WHO IS THIS GIRL?

MEL CAME FROM THE COUNTRY-SIDE TO STUDY MAGIC.
IT WAS FATE THAT I HAPPENED TO STUMBLE UPON HER.
WHAT?!

SO YOU SET THIS UP WITHOUT OUR...
.....

YOU ALL TOOK PART IN THIS?!

WHY DIDN'T YOU JUST TELL ME THE TRUTH?
I WAS HOPING TO FIND SYLTHFARN BEFORE THERE WAS ANY CAUSE FOR ALARM.
I DIDN'T WANT TO WORRY OUR KING, OR YOU, PRINCESS.

...SOMETHING!
I SHOULD SAY...
I...
I...
THIS IS THE ONLY OPTION I WILL GIVE YOU.
I PROMISE TO KEEP WHAT I'VE LEARNED TO MYSELF FOR NOW.
BUT YOU MUST TRUTHFULLY TELL ME EVERYTHING THERE IS TO KNOW ABOUT SYLTHFARN FROM NOW ON.
OF COURSE, YOUR MAJESTY.

SUCH CRUEL PEOPLE YOU ALL ARE!!
YOU GAVE ALL THIS RESPONSIBILITY TO AN ORDINARY CITIZEN WHO KNOWS NOTHING OF OUR WORLD?!
...SO FRIGHTENED BY ALL OF THIS.
YOU MUST HAVE BEEN...
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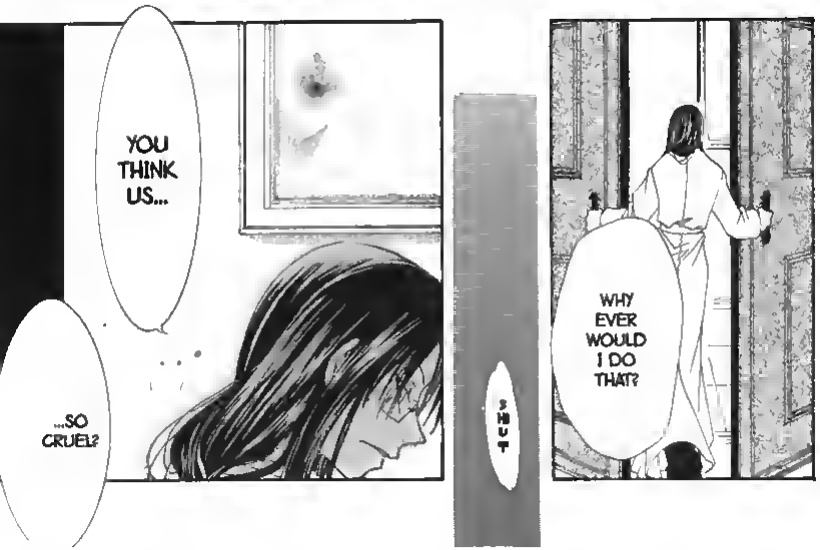
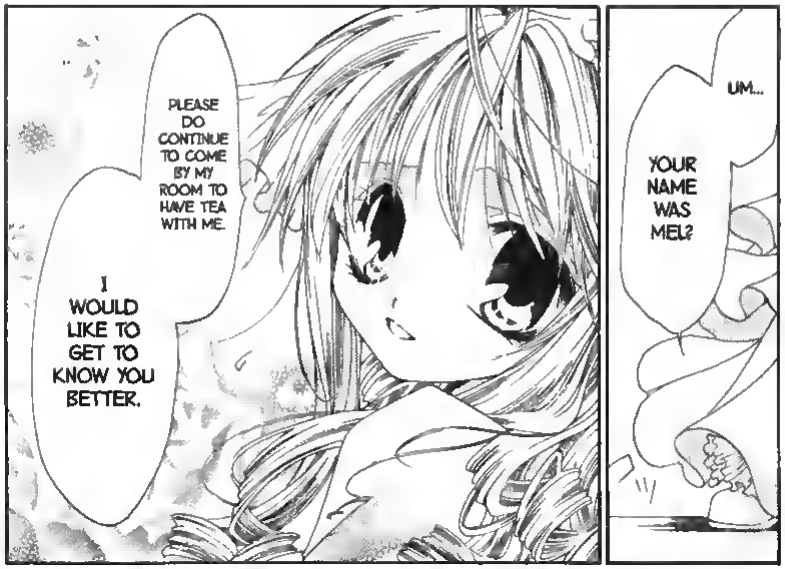
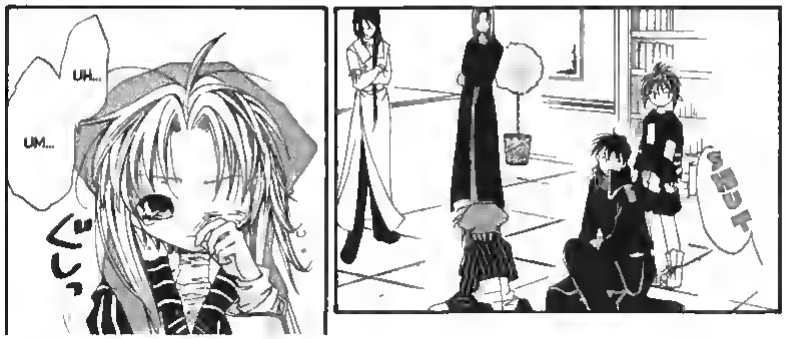
YUE...
GO GET SOME REST.
...I'M SO SORRY.

YOU'RE NOT GOING TO MAKE MEL QUIT, ARE YOU?


YOU THINK US...
...SO CRUEL?
WHY EVER WOULD I DO THAT?


PLEASE DO CONTINUE TO COME BY MY ROOM TO HAVE TEA WITH ME.
I WOULD LIKE TO GET TO KNOW YOU BETTER.
UM...
YOUR NAME WAS MEL?


UH...
UM...
SPLAT

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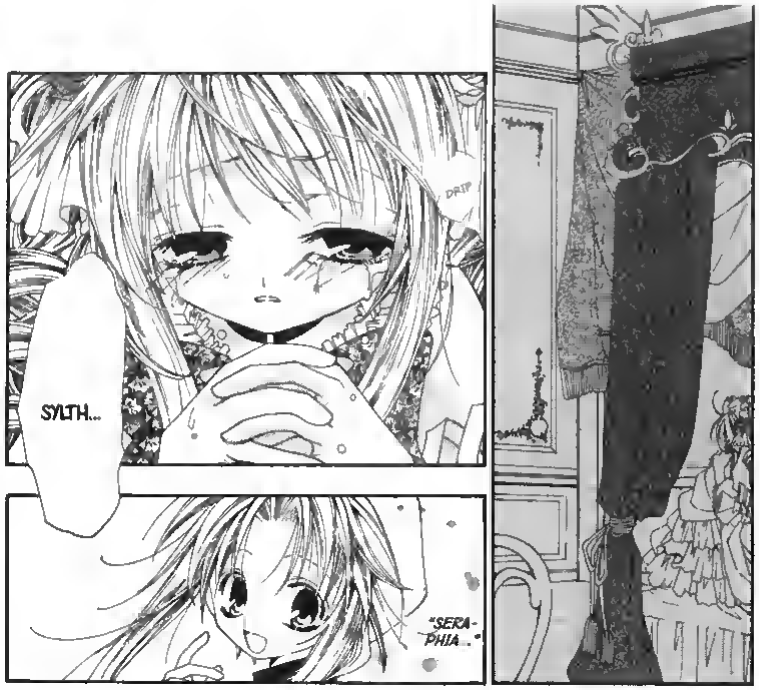
ROYAL
TEA
100% PURE CEYLON

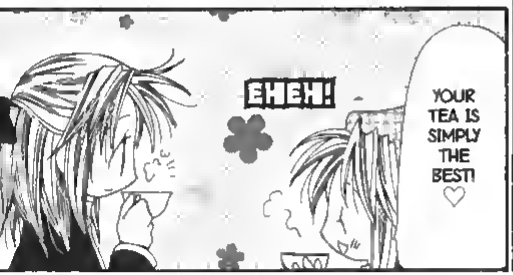

DRIP
SYLTH...
"SERA-PHIA..."

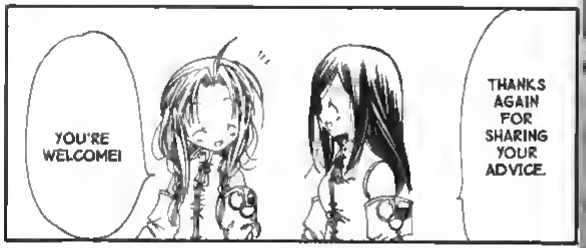
waaaaaaaaaaaaah!

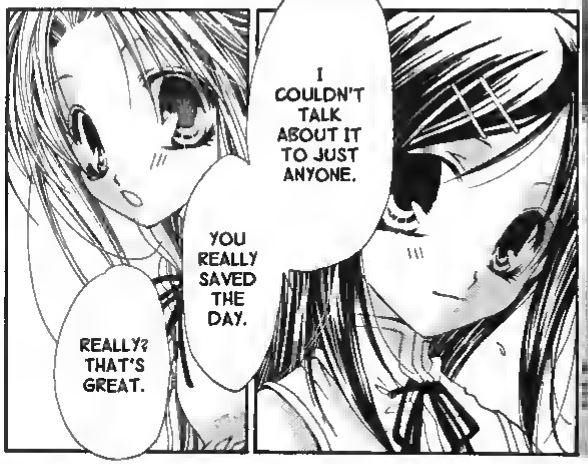
STRANGE! I'VE NEVER BEEN ASKED FOR ADVICE BEFORE.
WAS I AT ALL HELPFUL TO LIA?
SIGH
I CAN ONLY HOPE SO!

THAT'S TRUE ENOUGH.

I'M SURE YOU WERE.
SHE THANKED YOU, DIDN'T SHE?

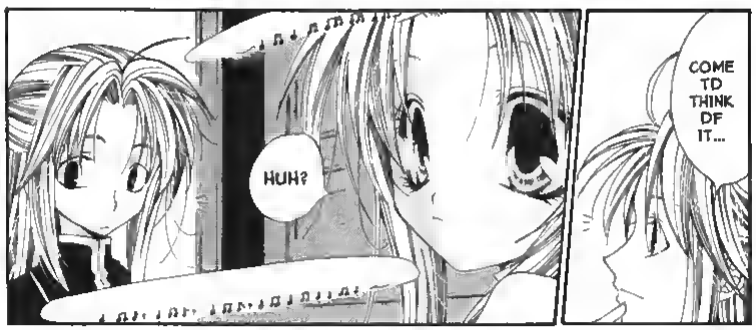

EHEH!
YOUR TEA IS SIMPLY THE BEST! ♡

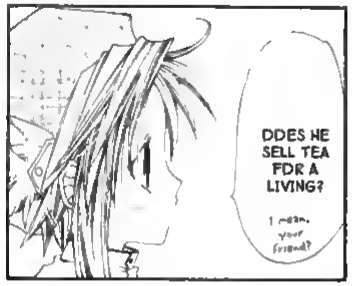

THANKS AGAIN FOR SHARING YOUR ADVICE.
YOU'RE WELCOME!

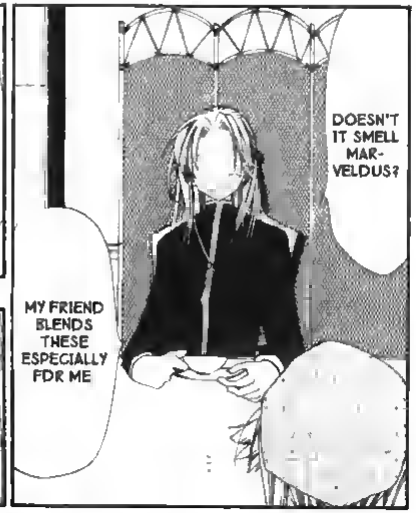

I COULDN'T TALK ABOUT IT TO JUST ANYONE.
YOU REALLY SAVED THE DAY.
REALLY? THAT'S GREAT.

OKAY.
SEE YOU TOMOR-ROW.
YES, TOMOR-ROW.

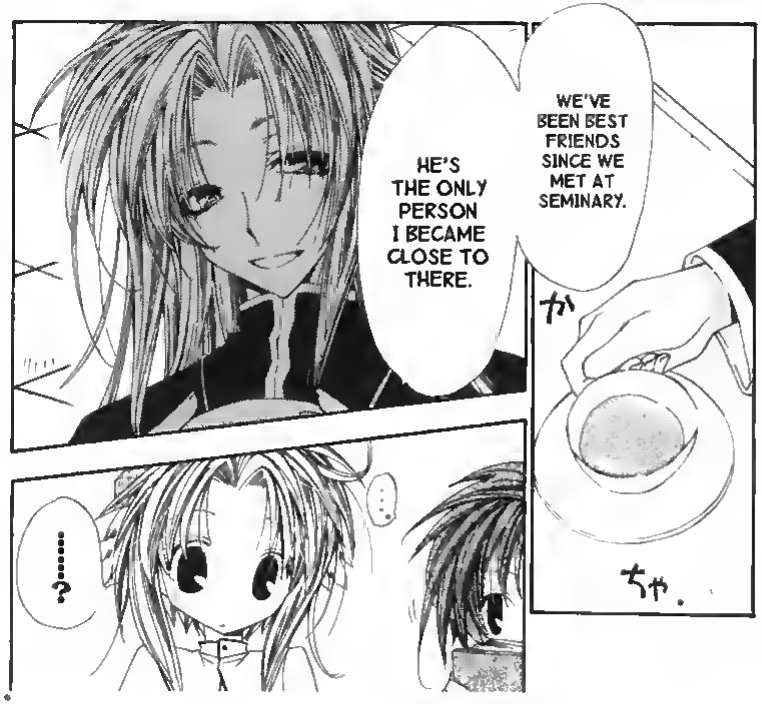
I COME FROM A POOR FAMILY I WAS THE ONLY STUDENT THERE ON A SCHOLAR-SHIP
MOST OF THE STUDENTS WERE ARISTOCRATS AND COULDN'T BE TROUBLED TO GIVE ME THE TIME OF DAY. I WAS RESENTED
AND YET EVEN IN SUCH AN ENVIRON-MENT...
..AND DESPITE HIS BEING FROM A VERY, VERY WEALTHY FAMILY..
..HE QUICKLY BECAME MY FRIEND. HE'S A MOST UNUSUAL PERSON.


HUH?
COME TO THINK OF IT...


DOES HE SELL TEA FOR A LIVING?
I mean, your friend?


DOESN'T IT SMELL MAR-VELOUS?
MY FRIEND BLENDS THESE ESPECIALLY FOR ME

NO, NO.
Not a priest?


HE'S THE ONLY PERSON I BECAME CLOSE TO THERE.
WE'VE BEEN BEST FRIENDS SINCE WE MET AT SEMINARY.
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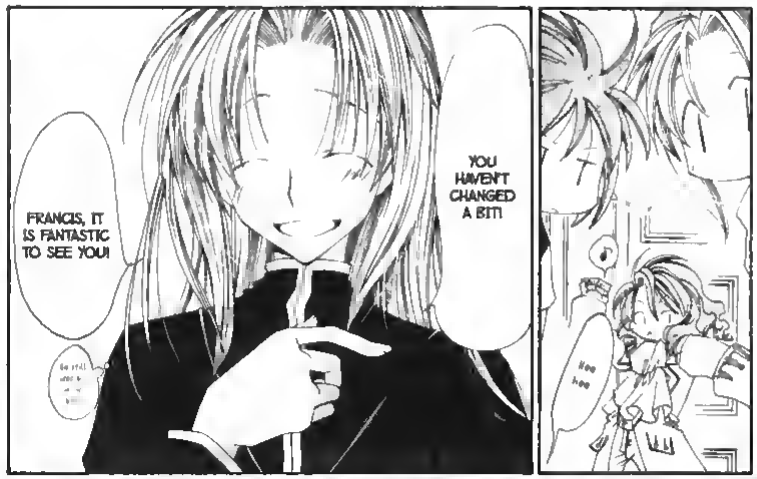
.....?

GLENN! YOU HAVE A VISITOR!
HELLO! HELLO! HELLO!
Huh?
Oh
I TRUST YOU ALL ARE IN EXCELLENT SPIRITS!

Glenn!
Click
TODAY, I HAVE COME TO SEE...
WIND
WIND
WIND
WIND
WIND
I AM A PRIEST FROM THE MESETA CHURCH IN THE EASTERN REGION OF VIEGALD.
ALLOW ME TO INTRODUCE MYSELF. MY NAME IS FRANCIS ZAVIST!
AND I AM HERE TODAY TO SEE MY ONE AND ONLY FRIEND, GLENN!
Ha ha ha!
WHEW!
IS IT REALLY NECESSARY FOR HIM TO HAVE HIS OWN THEME SONG?
I mentally did not like to be upstaged by him!

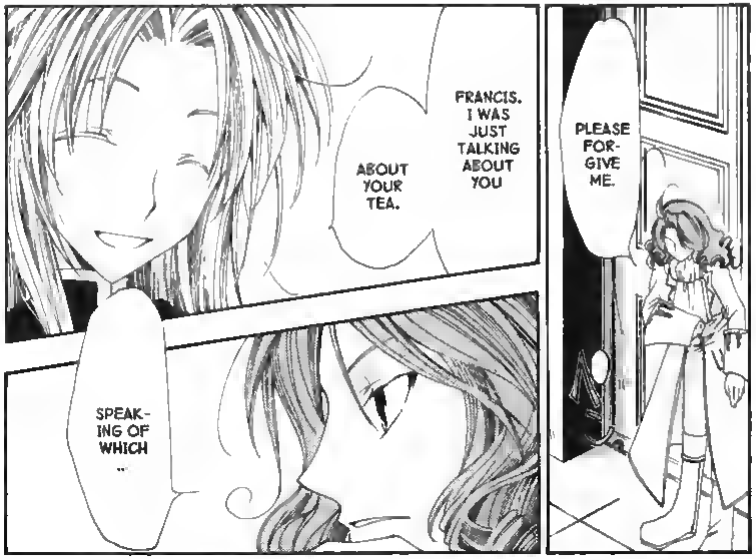
WHAT'S THIS?
HUH?
MUNCH
IT'S SUCH A BEAUTIFUL DAY!
EVEN MY HUMBLE BREAD TASTES GOOD!
YOU'RE NOT EATING IN THE DINING HALL WITH THE OTHERS?
I CAN'T AFFORD IT.
NO.
OH, I SEE!
YOU'RE THE INFAMOUS STUDENT HERE ON SCHOLAR-SHIP!

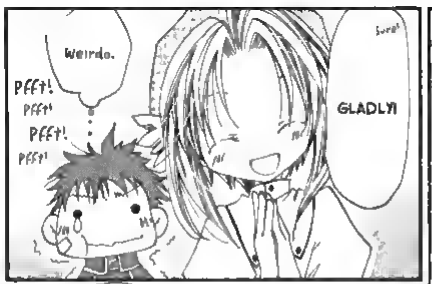

FRANCIS, IT IS FANTASTIC TO SEE YOU!
YOU HAVEN'T CHANGED A BIT!
EE

OH! GLENN!
OH!
IT'S BEEN SUCH A LONG TIME!

TEA?
ONE DRINKS TEA IN ORDER TO RELAX.
HOW CAN ONE RELAX ALL COOPED UP IN A STUFFY ROOM?
Care to join me?
I SEE...
ONE MUST LEARN THE TEA CEREMONY IF ONE HOPES TO GET CLOSER TO GOD.
EXCELLENT. NOW PAY ATTENTION.

LOTS OF STUDENTS SAY CRUEL THINGS ABOUT YOU, YOU KNOW.
BUT DON'T WORRY.
EVERYONE IS EQUAL IN THE EYES OF GOD.
WHY...
WHY AREN'T YOU EATING WITH THE OTHERS?
EH?
'CAUSE MY FEAST...
...IS RIGHT HERE!


FRANCIS. I WAS JUST TALKING ABOUT YOU
ABOUT YOUR TEA.
SPEAK-ING OF WHICH ...
PLEASE FOR-GIVE ME.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PEET! PEET! PEET! PEET!
Sure!
GLADLY!

WOULD YOU LIKE TO TRY ...
...MY LATEST BLEND?

STRANGE PEOPLE SURE DO SEEM TO LIKE YOU
Take Sylth
You have a point
GLENN

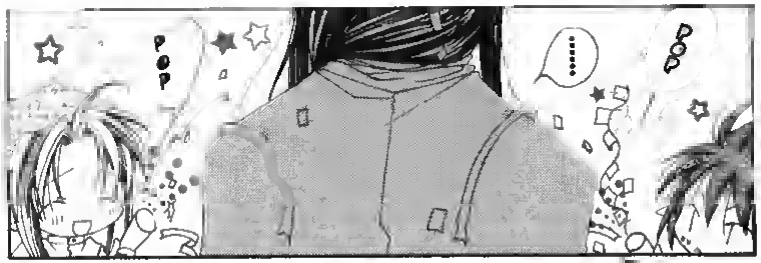
WHAT?!
A ** your servant?
THE GUY'S A NUTCASE!
WHAT A WONDERFUL FRIEND YOU HAVE. ♡
AND THAT'S HOW WE MET.

WAH!
EH?!
AHA!
YOU MUST BE THE MASTER WIZARD SYLTHFARN?!
EEP!
...TO...
IT IS A GREAT HONOR ...
...MEET...
...YOU.
BACK OFF!

YOU CAN'T JUST UP AND HUG HIM, YOU KNOW.
OH!
THE MASTER WIZARD IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN YOU'LL EVER BE.
That was closer

THIS BLEND IS --
WELL, ACTU ALLY, I--
IT'S BEYOND AMAZ INGI
I'VE NEVER TASTED ANYTHING QUITE LIKE THIS.
WHY AM I JOIN-ING THEM?
IT'S... NOT BAD.
Who is that?!
GYA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA!

?!!
I FOR-GOT--
Ah
CLICK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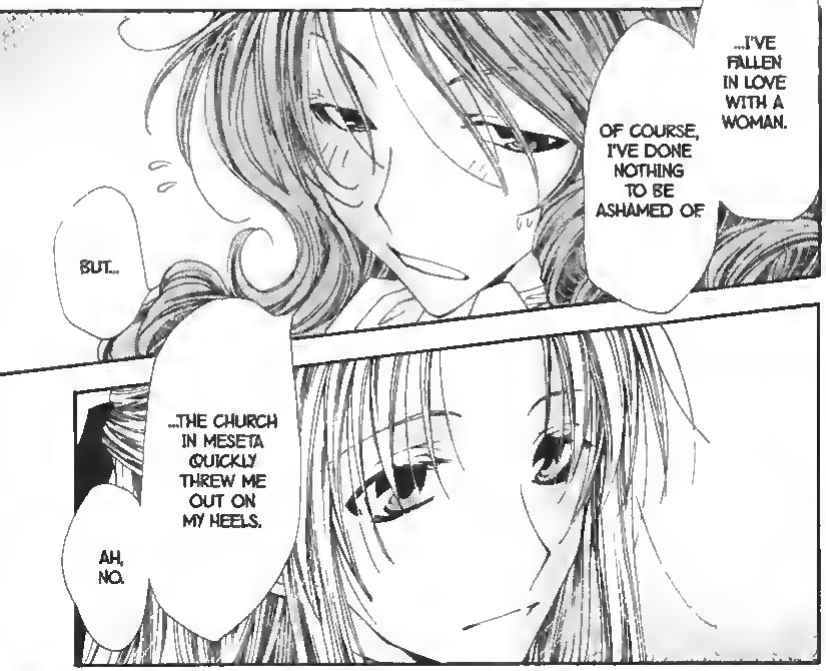
!!!
POP

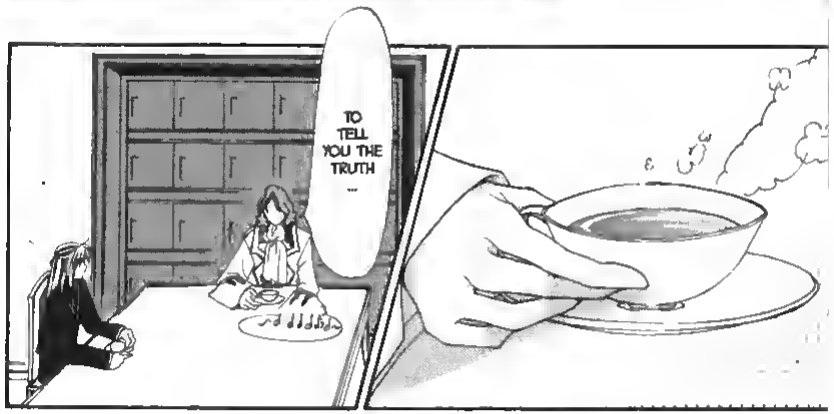
?
?
I AM SO HAPPY FOR YOU!
GLENN, I NEVER IMAGINED YOU WOULD EVER HAVE A FRIEND LIKE HIM!

OF COURSE!
UH...
THANK YOU, MERLE-AWE.
LET ME HELP YOU!
OH!
カたん
EH?
DO YOU REALLY THINK THAT FRANCIS CAME ALL THIS WAY JUST TO HAVE TEA WITH YOU?
COULD FRANCIS HAVE A PRO-BLEM!?
YOU THINK ?
-SOME-THING.
I JUST FEEL THAT HE MIGHT WANT TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT
I SUPPOSE I'D BEST GET GOING.
IT'S GETTING DARK NOW.
MM-HMM.
HUH?
WHAT? ALREADY?
IF YOU INSIST. BUT BEFORE YOU GO...
...I'D LIKE TO GIVE YOU SOME OF MY OWN BLENDED TEA TO TAKE WITH YOU.
DOES HE NOT...?


...I'VE FALLEN IN LOVE WITH A WOMAN.
OF COURSE, I'VE DONE NOTHING TO BE ASHAMED OF.
BUT...
...THE CHURCH IN MESETA QUICKLY THREW ME OUT ON MY HEELS.
AH, NO.

I HAVE NO TRUE FRIENDS APART FROM YOU.
YOU KNOW HOW I AM.
FRANCIS.
...I UNDERSTAND.
I MERELY WANTED TO SEE YOUR FACE SO MUCH!
I DIDN'T COME HERE FOR A CONSULTATION.

EH?
IS...
...SOMETHING TROUBLING YOU?
FRANCIS.


TO TELL YOU THE TRUTH...

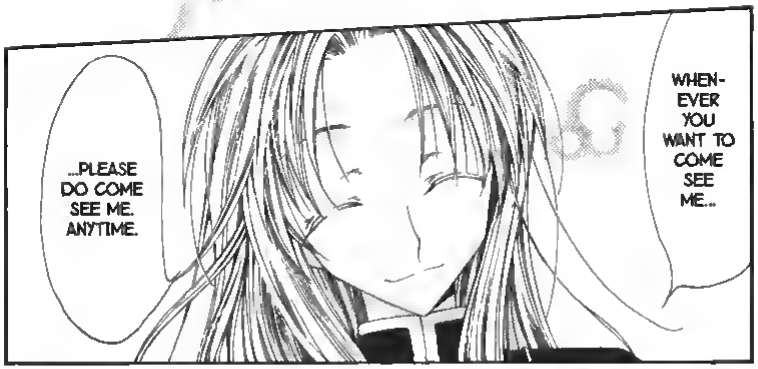
WHEN YOU'RE DOWN..

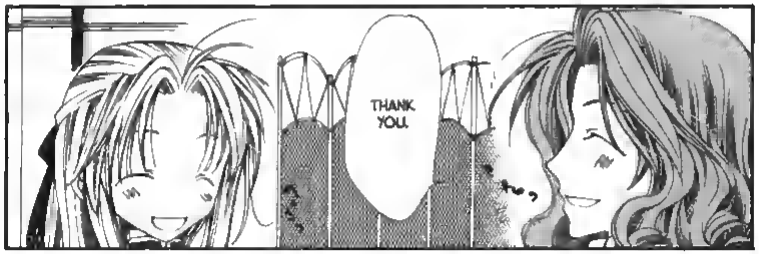
...SEEING SOMEONE SPECIAL CAN BE...

...THE BEST MEDICINE...

...AND FEELING LONELY...

...FOR YOUR HEART.





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I AGREE WITH YOU COMPLETELY.
YES.
IF FRANCIS CAN FEEL BETTER BY SIMPLY SEEING MY FACE...
...I MUST GO AND SEE HIM...
...NEXT TIME.
WITH MY NEW TEA.
WHAT IS THIS STRANGE, UNCOMFORTABLE AURA?
THAT'S A GREAT IDEA.

WHAT?!
Why are we here?
...CRUEL PEOPLE?
ARE WE

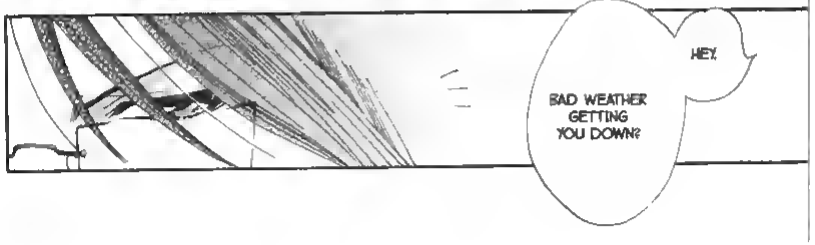
WAS IT A MISTAKE TO HAVE SOMEONE IMPERSONATE SYLTHFARN?
How odd to see him care
OH, HE'S THINKING ABOUT WHAT THE PRINCESS SAID?

...MAY NEVER RETURN.
SYLTH-FARN...
WHY?
IT SHOULD BE A GOOD OMEN THAT WE WERE BLESSED WITH MERLEAWE AND ABLE TO DO IT AT ALL.

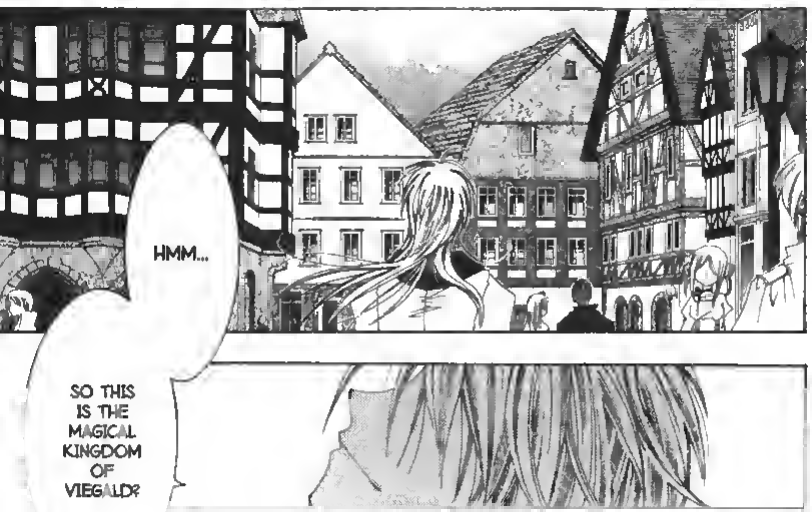
IT'S PRETTY GOOD.
Is you what a kitty!
No! Of Course not!
YOU'RE THE ONLY PERSON IN THE WORLD WHO'D EVER EAT A CINNAMON STICK!

.....

REALLY? BUT APPLE PIE IS NO GOOD WITHOUT IT.
CINNAMON TASTES LIKE MEDICINE! I HATE IT!!
This cookie tastes revolting!


HEY.
BAD WEATHER GETTING YOU DOWN?

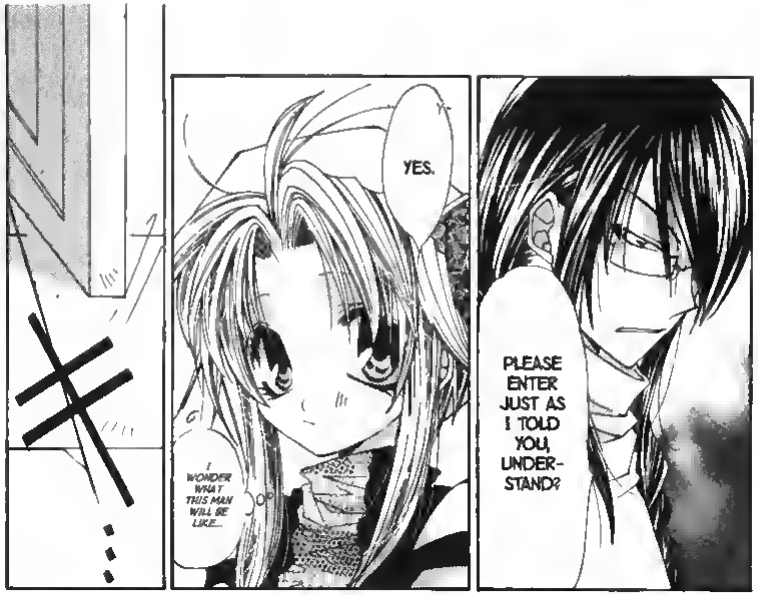
ALL I CAN DO NOW IS TO PREPARE FOR WHAT I EXPECT WILL HAPPEN.
YOU THINK TOO MUCH.


HMM...
SO THIS IS THE MAGICAL KINGDOM OF VIEGALD?

SYLTHFARN IS A VERY SMART MAN AND I KNOW NOT WHAT HE INTENDS TO DO.
BUT HE MUST NAVE NAD VERY SERIOUS REASONS TO LEAVE WITHOUT SAYING ANYTNING OF NIS PLANS.
MAYBE WE SHOULD HAVE SEARCHED FOR THE NEXT MASTER WIZARD...
...INSTEAD OF MERELY FINDING AN IMPER-SONATOR.

PERHAPS YOU CAN BE THE NEXT ONE.
I MEAN AT LEAST FOR NOW...
I'M NOT AS CONFI-DENT AS YOU BELIEVE ME TO BE.
IT'S SYLTN WHO IS TRULY STRONG.

DID SOME CHILDREN DO THAT TO YOU?
WHAT A CRUEL THING TO DO.
HUH?
NOT TOO SHABBY.
Let's ne...
Hmm.
I WILL VERIFY THAT FROM HIM RIGHT NOW.
ALL OF YOU REMAIN IN THE NEXT ROOM, ALL RIGHT?
SYLTH-FARN ...


I WONDER WHAT THIS MAN WILL BE LIKE...
YES.
PLEASE ENTER JUST AS I TOLD YOU, UNDERSTAND?

OH! HOW DO YOU DO!
FORGIVE ME FOR MAKING YOU WAIT SO LONG.
MY NAME IS YUE ALISTELA-FORD AND I AM THE UNDER-SECRETARY OF MAGIC.

YOU WANT TO SEE WHAT HE GAVE ME, DON'T YOU?
HERE IT IS.
MY NAME IS ARDI AURIS. I'M A WIZARD FROM VILATA.
SO VERY KIND OF YOU TO JOURNEY ALL THIS WAY. SHALL WE BEGIN?

THIS...
I HAVE NO IDEA.
I WAS ONLY INSTRUCTED TO BRING IT HERE.
WHY?
A CLOAK?

I MUST BE ON MY WAY.
I WILL LEAVE THE CLOAK WITH YOU.
...HE IS QUITE DIFFERENT FROM THE PERSON I MET.

...YOU ARE NOTHING LIKE HIM.
!!
BUT, IN TERMS OF MAGIC...

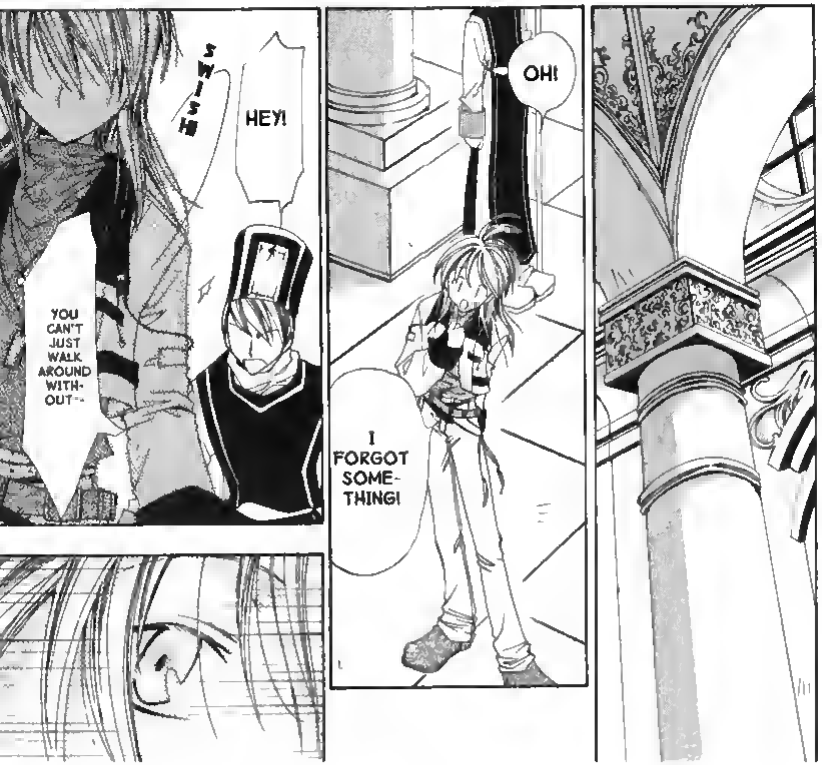
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
THIS IS DEFINITELY SYLTHFARN'S CLOAK!!
THIS DOESN'T BELONG TO SYLTHFARN.

...AS HE HASN'T JOURNEYED FROM THE CASTLE. SEE HE HAS NEVER LEFT.
IT IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR YOU TO HAVE MET THE MASTER WIZARD..
CLICK

I SEE.
A REMARKABLE RESEMBLANCE.
AND YET...

YES, I AM VERY MUCH AFRAID THAT YOU MUST HAVE MERELY MET A STRANGER WHO CLAIMED TO BE THE MASTER WIZARD.
FOR THIS IS MASTER WIZARD SYLTHFARN.

DID HE REALIZE THAT I'M NOT THE MASTER WIZARD?!


SWISH
HEY!
YOU CAN'T JUST WALK AROUND WITHOUT--
OH!
I FORGOT SOMETHING!

THAT MAN!!
Tch
SLAM
PLEASE GO AND WAIT FOR ME IN OUR MEETING ROOM.
EH?
...I HOPE?
EVERYTHING GO ALL RIGHT ...

GOOD JOB... MERLEAWE?
NO CLUE.
WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH YUE?

WHAT HAP-PENED TO YOU ?!
WHERE DID HE GO?!
WHO GOES THERE?!
HELLO, BLEARY-EYED KING!
HOW DID YOU GET IN?!

HEY!!
WHAT'S GOING ON?!
UGH...

SEE YOU LATER, KING.

WHERE DID HE GO?

I SUGGEST YOU COOPERATE WITH MY PLAN. ❤
AT ANY RATE, YOU'D BEST JUST LISTEN TO WHAT I HAVE TO SAY.
WHAT ?!
?!

WHO ARE YOU?!
HE KILLED AHAHZE SO VERY EASILY?!
SOMEONE'S COMING WHO WANTS TO SPOIL MY FUN.
HUH?
MY BODY DOUBLE?!

THE MASTER WIZARD...
!
YOU'RE BEYOND RUDE TO SUBSTITUTE HIM...
...WITH SUCH A RANK AMATEUR.
...EVEN SO, THERE HE WAS...
INDEED, I WAS QUITE SURPRISED TO FIND SYLTHFARN HERE SINCE I KNEW VERY WELL THAT HE SIMPLY SHOULDN'T BE.
Hee-hee
BUT...
...YOU'RE NOTHING SPECIAL, EITHER.
I KNOW...

I KNEW YOU'D COME.
YOU SAID..
...YOU WERE THE UNDER-SECRETARY OF MAGIC?
WHAT ARE YOU IMPLYING?
.. THIS COUNTRY HAS TO OFFER, RIGHT?
THAT MEANS THAT YOU ARE NOW THE BEST WIZARD...

IT WOULD BE SO EASY FOR ME...
...TO TAKE OVER THIS COUNTRY WHERE SYLPHFARN DOESN'T EXIST.
OOOOm

UGH!!
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!!
IT'S NO USE.
Heh.
THAT CHARM!!!

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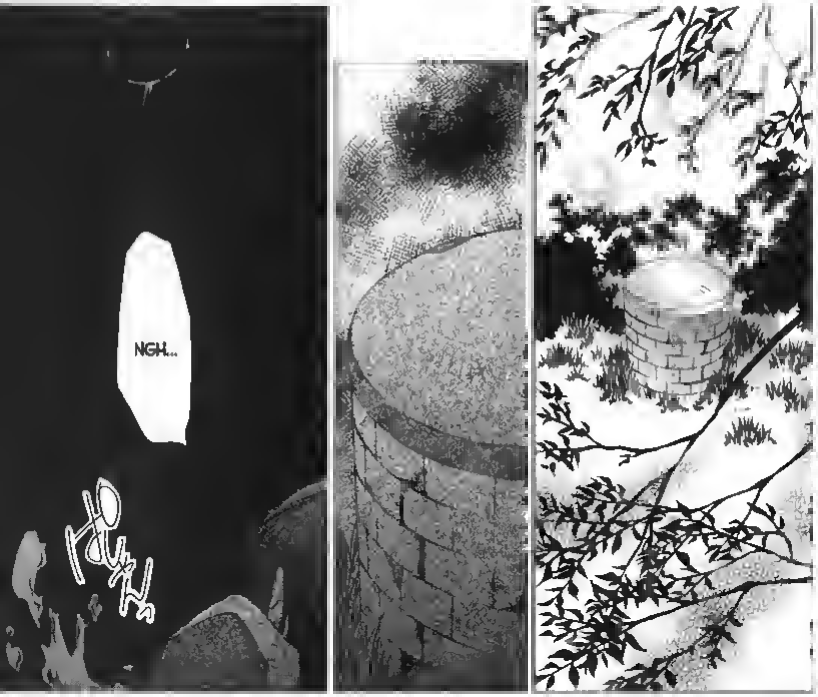
ISN'T IT REMARKABLE HOW ONE WIZARD CAN TAKE OVER AN ENTIRE MAGICAL KINGDOM...
...ALL BY HIMSELF?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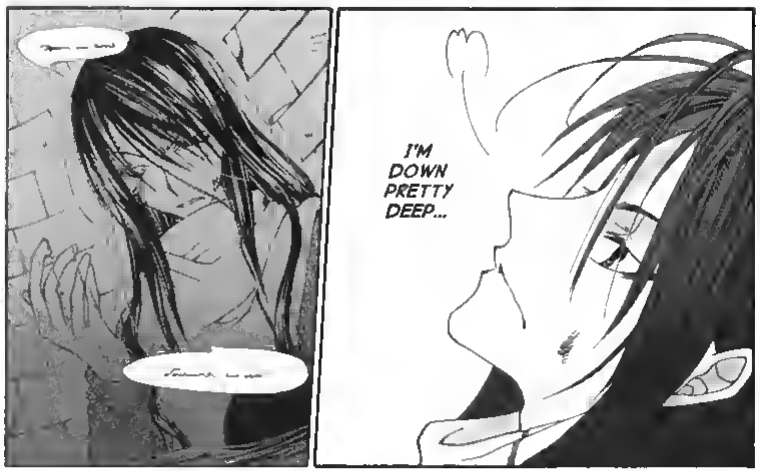
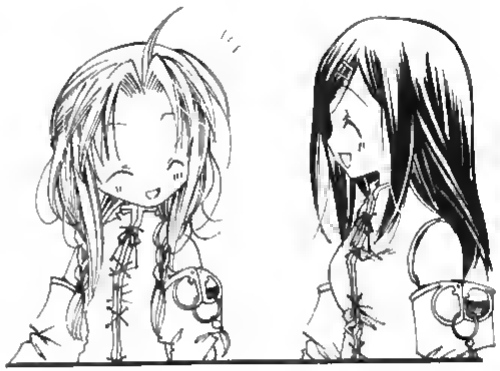

I'M DOWN PRETTY DEEP...



HELLO!
SYLTH!

EH?
I'LL TAKE CARE OF EVERY-THING BY MYSELF TODAY.
PLEASE GO AND RELAX IN THE OTHER ROOM.

PLEASE FORGIVE ME!
YOU'RE LATE!

AH!
LEANNA!

I CAN'T USE MY MAGIC. HE MUST HAVE PLACED A BARRIER AROUND THE WELL.
TMP
WHAT AM I GOING TO DO?
TCH!

MY GRANDFATHER IS ACTING STRANGELY
I'M SORRY, BUT I DON'T KNOW I'VE NEVER HEARD OF SUCH A THING, THOUGH ..
WHY DO YOU ASK?
THE KING?
A DECOY?
EH?
WHAT'S GOING ON, GRANDFATHER?!
BREAKING OFF YOUR ENGAGEMENT?!
HE JUST TOLD ME THAT HE'S BREAKING OFF MY ENGAGEMENT TO SYLTHFARN.

I WONDER IF IT WAS ALL RIGHT TO LEAVE POOR LEANNA LIKE THAT
WH-WHAT'S GOING ON? I THOUGHT IT WAS JUST AN AFTERNOON TEA PARTY
WHA?
NO, PRINCESS!
IT IS FAR TOO SOON FOR THE TWO OF YOU--
No! I can't allow you to do that yet!
You cannot be alone with him just yet!
. ALSO HAS SOMEONE TO SERVE AS HIS DECOY?
PLEASE BE HONEST WITH ME DO YOU KNOW THAT MY GRANDFATHER ..
MEL, I WOULD LIKE TO ASK YOU ABOUT SOMETHING
Y-YES!

SILENCE! GO TO YOUR ROOM IMMEDIATELY...
...SERAPHIA!
GRANDFATHER?!
HE'S NEVER HIT ME BEFORE LIKE THAT. NEVER!
AND HIS FACE WAS...
EXPLAIN TO ME WHY!
MY DECISION IS MADE.
IS IT TRUE THAT YOU WISH TO BREAK OFF MY ENGAGEMENT...
...TO SYLTHFARN?!
EEK!
SLAP
PLEASE!!
EH?!

THANK YOU, KING.
I UNDER-STAND EVERY-THING ABOUT YOUR COUNTRY NOW.
I'M GLAD THAT I DEFEATED YUE FIRST.
BY THE WAY, EVEN I COULD FEEL WHAT AN AMAZING MAN SYLTHFARN WAS TO EVERYONE
I HATE THAT KIND OF PERSON.
NOTHING COULD BE MORE OBNOXIOUS

I'VE NEVER SEEN SUCH A SCARY SIDE OF MY GRAND-FATHER BEFORE
HE'S USUALLY SO GENTLE.
HE MUST BE VERY SERIOUS ABOUT THIS
WHAT AM I TO DO?
COULD THAT KIND KING TRULY DO SUCH A HORRIBLE THING TO HER?!
THERE'S NO WAY THAT HE WOULD BEHAVE THAT WAY WITHOUT GOOO REASON.
THERE MUST BE SOME KIND OF EXPLANA-TION.
I... I HOPE SO...
OH, I SEE...

HAVE YOU SEEN HIM TODAY?
JUST NOW, I SAW A WHOLE SLEW OF PEOPLE FROM THE MAGICAL DEPARTMENT LOOKING FOR YUE UPSTAIRS.
HAS HE GOT A WOMAN?
EH?
THAT'S STRANGE.
NO. I SURE HAVEN'T
DID YOU?
NO.
BUT I LOVE YOU SO!
YOU'RE RIGHT I CAN'T BE SELFISH!
BUT I HAVE A VERY IM PORTANT JOB.
DEAR YUE! PLEASE STAY WITH ME A LITTLE LONGER!
A WOMAN?!
SOB
I'M OFF TO WORK NOW
.....
YOU'RE DISGUST-ING.
Get me away from here

HUH?
NOW...
...WHAT SHALL I DESTROY NEXT?
HOW ELSE SHOULD WE ENTERTAIN YOU, THEN?
PLEASE DON'T FIGHT.
VAITH'S SO BORING.
JUST THE TWO OF YOU HERE?
Hello!

HEY!!

HM?
CAPTAIN VAITH!!
YOU MUST COME WITH ME AT ONCE!
HEY!
WHAT'S GOING ON?
WHAT DID YOU SAY?!
THE TRUTH IS...
WH...?!

ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?!
UHH..
THIS ISN'T GOOD THAT CUT IS AWFULLY DEEP.

SEND FOR A DOCTOR!

WHAT THE HELL ...
...ARE YOU GUYS DOING ?!

Man...
Those fools!
AND YOU!
WHY HAS NOBODY STOPPED THEM?!

OH MY GOD !!

...I WASN'T EVEN THERE! I WAS BROUGHT TO THE SCENE BY A SOLDIER!
AND YET ALL OF YOUR MEN...
...HAVE TESTIFIED THAT IT WAS YOUR ORDER!
WHA--
WHAT THE HELL?!
DO YOU REMEMBER WHAT YOU SAID TO ME?!

PLEASE EXPLAIN TO ME HOW THIS HAPPENED.
WHAT ?!
THEY TOLD ME.
.. THAT YOU ORDERED THEM TO KILL ONE ANOTHER
CHIEF, WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?!
.....
WHY WOULD I GIVE SUCH AN ORDER TO MY MEN?!
FURTHER-MORE,

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GUYS!
VAITH! VAITH!!

.....
VAITH!
CERTAINLY, SIR.
WE SIMPLY FOLLOWED THE ORDERS OF YOU, OUR LEADER.

I'LL HAVE TO TAKE YOU INTO CUSTODY.
COOL YOUR HEAD ON THE COLD DUNGEON FLOOR.

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Y--
Yar
MEI! CALM DOWN!
You're not making sense

HE'S IN JAIL!
HIS OWN MEN!
Uh...
Uh...
HE HURT THEM THE ORDER!

HURTING ONE OF OUR OWN MEN JUST SO YOU COULD SEND ME TO JAIL?
DON'T YOU THINK YOU GUYS WENT A BIT TOO FAR?

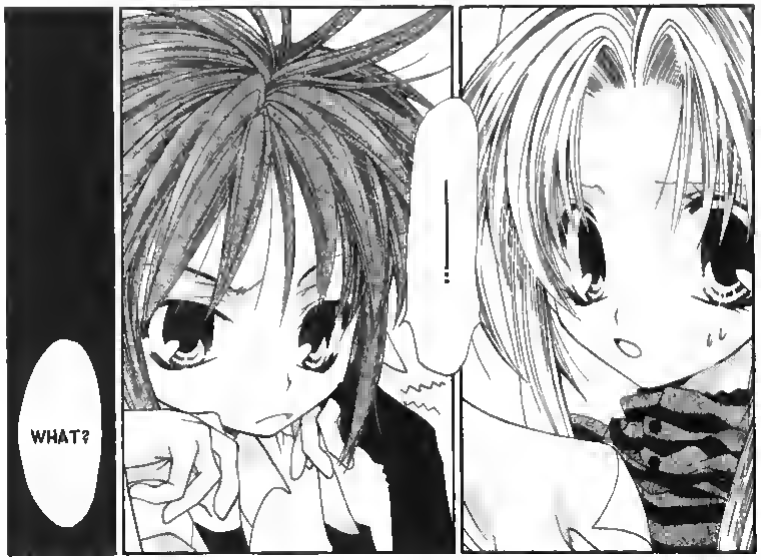
...FOLLOWED YOUR ORDERS.
WE ONLY...

REALLY? ARE YOU SURE?

I WAS JUST NOW TOLD THAT..
..VAITH HAS BEEN TAKEN INTO CUSTODY BY THE CHIEF OF THE BLACK KNIGHTS! HE'S LOCKED AWAY INSIDE A BASEMENT PRISON CELL..
..B-BECAUSE HE ORDERED HIS MEN TO KILL EACH OTHER!
.....

HAVE YOU HEARD?
THEY SAY HE WAS PERFORMING BIZARRE RITUALS WITH THE CHILDREN!
IT'S SO SCARY...
OH YES.
EVERYONE'S HEARD ABOUT THAT WARPED PRIEST.
ISN'T IT DISGUSTING?!
INDEED.
APPEARANCES CAN BE DECEIVING.

THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE.
VAITH ORDERED HIS MEN TO KILL EACH OTHER?
WHO IS...
I DON'T UNDERSTAND.
WHY ARE THESE TERRIBLE THINGS HAPPENING?
...MANIPULATING MY MEN?


WHAT?
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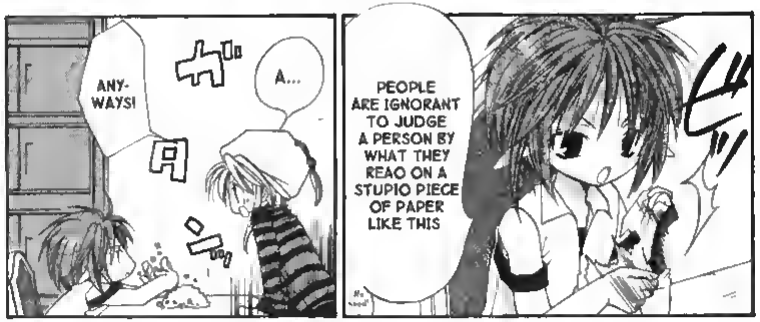
I DON'T KNOW!
WHO POSTED THIS OUT THERE?!


ANY-WAYS!
A...
PEOPLE ARE IGNORANT TO JUDGE A PERSON BY WHAT THEY READ ON A STUPID PIECE OF PAPER LIKE THIS

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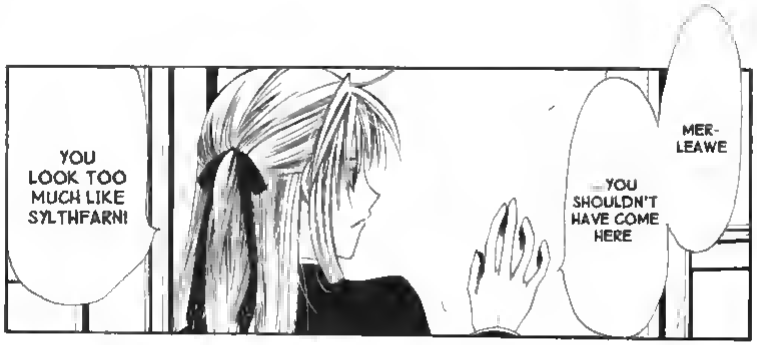
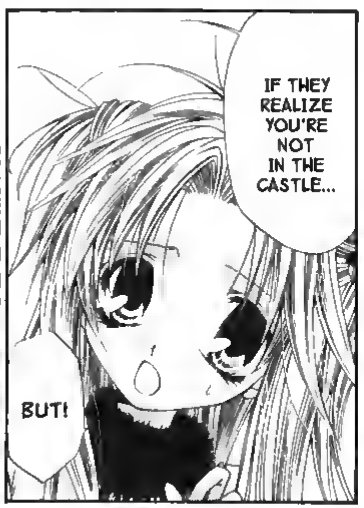
PLEASE!
I ONLY NEED A LITTLE TIME WITH HIM!
I'M AFRAID UNTIL THE MATTER IS RESOLVED, WE CAN'T ALLOW HIM TO SEE ANYONE.
WELL, OKAY...
HIM...
OVER THERE. GO STAND BY IT.
I WILL ALLOW YOU TO SPEAK WITH HIM, BUT ONLY THROUGH THE DOOR.
PLEASE!

WE MUST GO...
...TALK TO GLENN!
NO VISITORS ALLOWED?!


YOU LOOK TOO MUCH LIKE SYLTHFARN!
MER-LEAWE
...YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE COME HERE

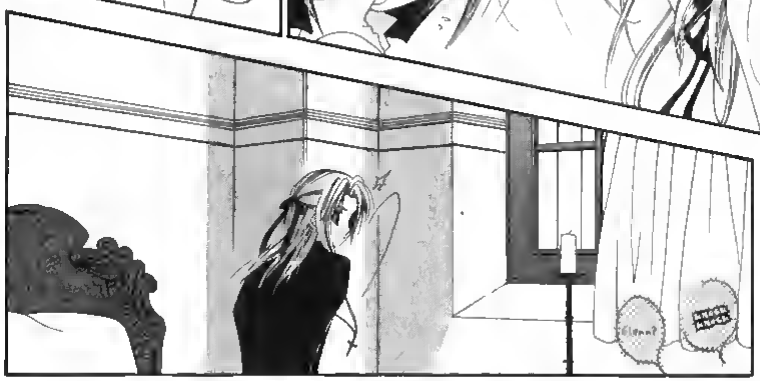
FRANCIS IS INVESTI-GATING THE SOURCE OF THIS VICIOUS RUMOR.
BUT...


IF THEY REALIZE YOU'RE NOT IN THE CASTLE...
BUT!

SOME-THING SINISTER IS AT WORK HERE.
VAITH WAS PUT INTO JAIL
I HAVEN'T SEEN YUE FOR SEVERAL DAYS NOW.
...I FEAR THIS IS MORE THAN JUST MERE SLANDER.

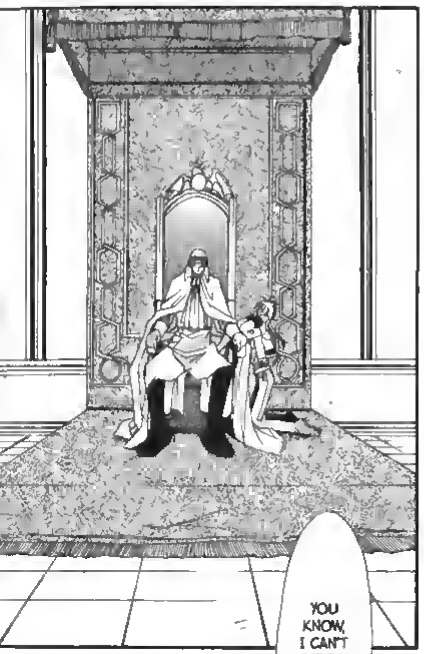
GLENN?

THANK YOU SO MUCH!



FERN'S HERE, TOO.
YES.

MER-LEAWE?
WHO IS...



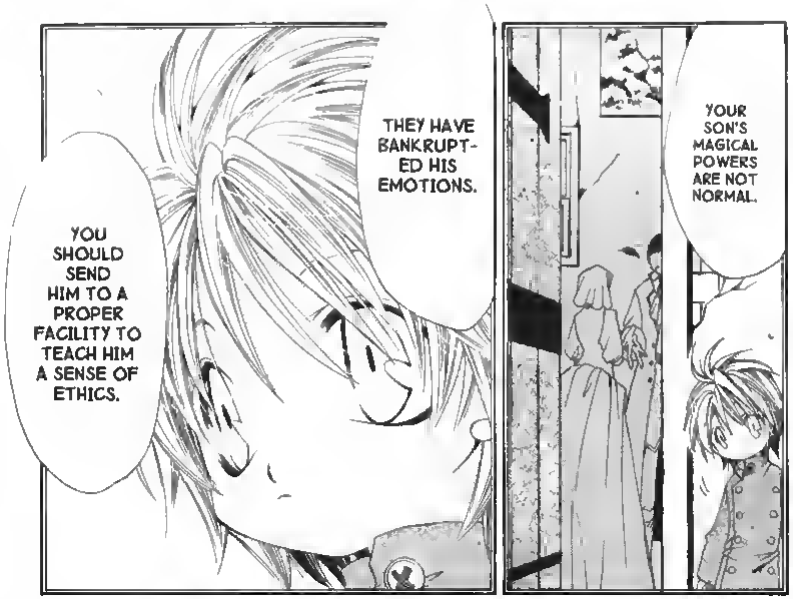
YOU KNOW, I CAN'T UNDER STAND..
..WHAT THE REST OF YOU THINKS SO GREAT ABOUT LOVE.

I'M SORRY.
BUT I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT'S GOING ON, EITHER

FERN?

WHAT'S GOING ON?!

WHAT THE HELL IS HAP-PENING RIGHT NOW?!
I DON'T UNDER-STAND! PLEASE MAKE ME UNDER-STAND!


THEY HAVE BANKRUPTED HIS EMOTIONS.
YOU SHOULD SEND HIM TO A PROPER FACILITY TO TEACH HIM A SENSE OF ETHICS.
YOUR SON'S MAGICAL POWERS ARE NOT NORMAL.

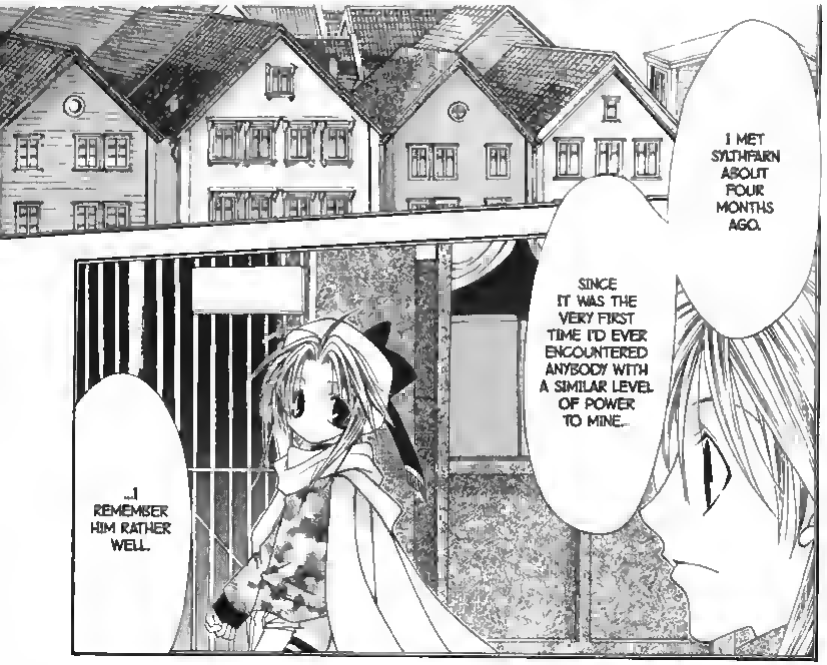
AND SO I LEFT HOME.
ALTHOUGH THERE WAS NOTHING WRONG WITH ME, ADULTS ALWAYS SAID BAD THINGS ABOUT ME

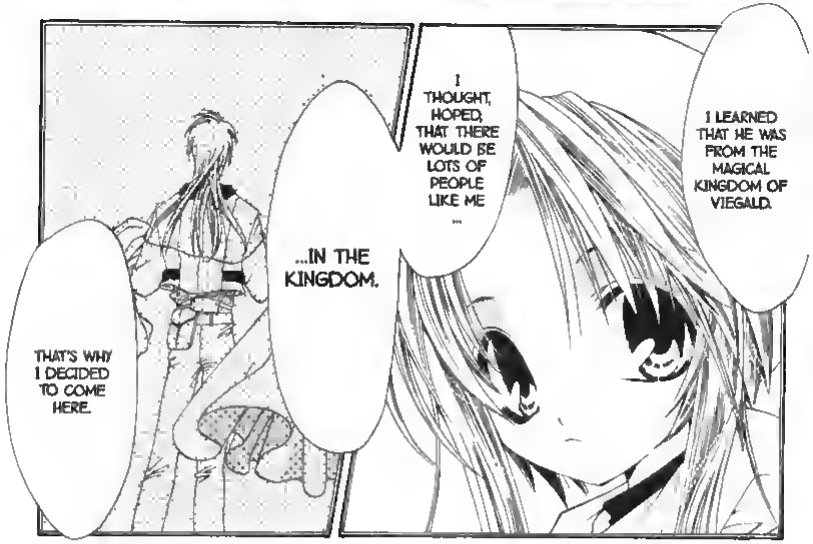
BOY...
BUT THEN ONE DAY...
MY POWER HELPS ME A LOT.
IT WAS NOT DIFFICULT FOR ME TO SURVIVE.

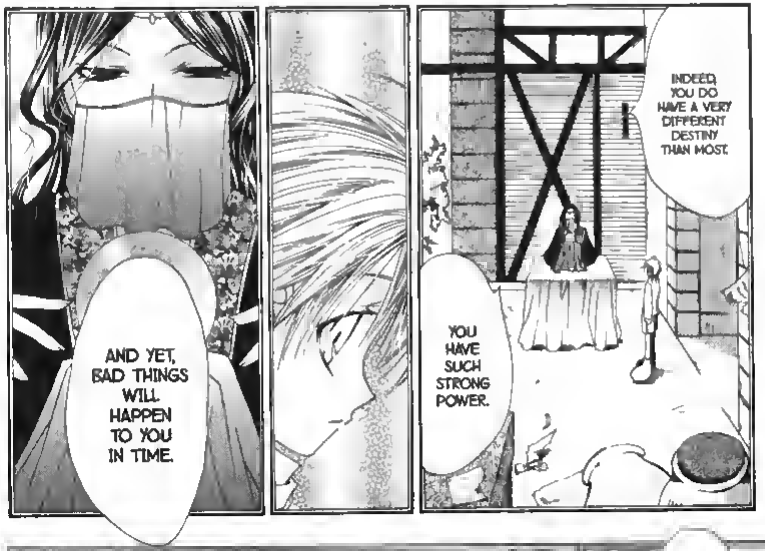
I SIMPLY DON'T UNDERSTAND ANYTHING ABOUT...
...LOVING OR BEING LOVED.

EVEN AS A CHILD, I UNDERSTOOD NOTHING OF A GIRLS CHILDISH AFFECTIONS.
Andy, I like you.
AND SO I HIT HER VERY HARD IN THE FACE.
SHE STARTED CRYING WITH A SAD, TWISTED EXPRESSION.

I LAUGHED SO HARD.
I FOUND IT FUNNY!

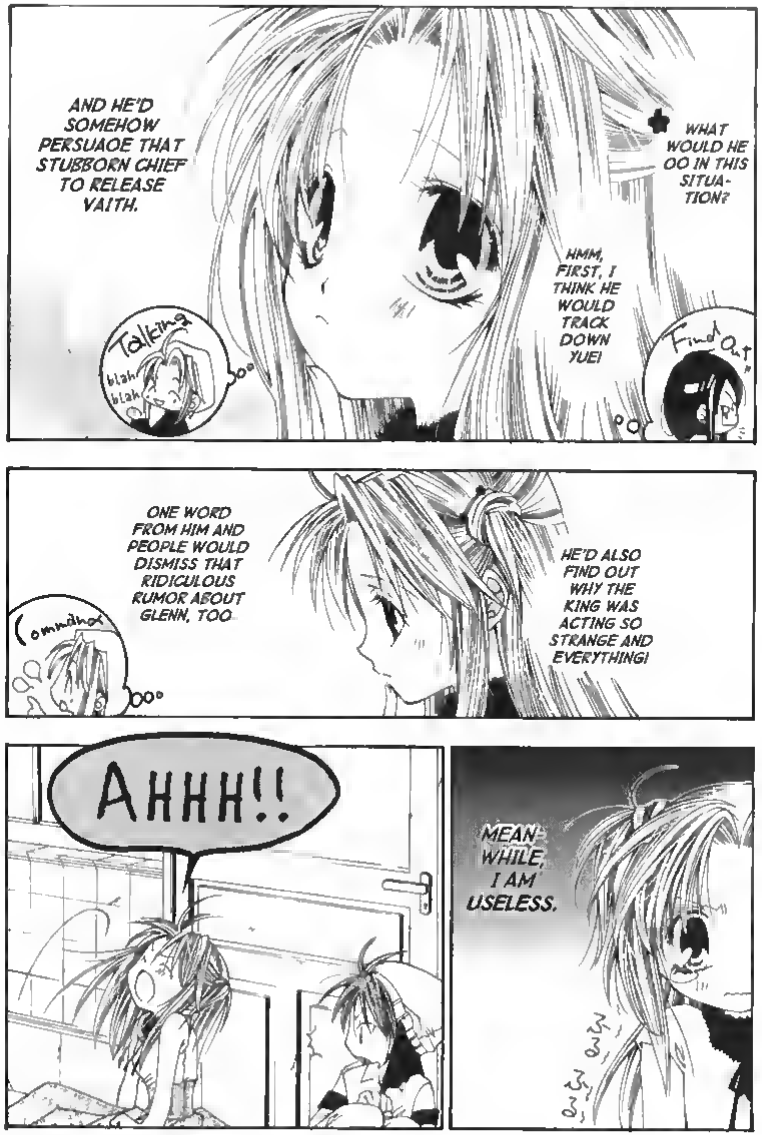

I MET SYLPHFARN ABOUT FOUR MONTHS AGO.
SINCE IT WAS THE VERY FIRST TIME I'D EVER ENCOUNTERED ANYBODY WITH A SIMILAR LEVEL OF POWER TO MINE...
...I REMEMBER HIM RATHER WELL.


I LEARNED THAT HE WAS FROM THE MAGICAL KINGDOM OF VIEGALD.
I THOUGHT, HOPED, THAT THERE WOULD BE LOTS OF PEOPLE LIKE ME ...
...IN THE KINGDOM.
THAT'S WHY I DECIDED TO COME HERE.


INDEED, YOU DO HAVE A VERY DIFFERENT DESTINY THAN MOST.
YOU HAVE SUCH STRONG POWER.
AND YET, BAD THINGS WILL HAPPEN TO YOU IN TIME.

I WAS SO MAD AT HER, I KILLED HER RIGHT THEN AND THERE.
IT WAS THE FIRST TIME I EVER KILLED A PERSON.
BUT I DIDN'T FEEL ANYTHING.

I...
. DON'T UNDER-STAND ANYTHING ANYMORE
.....
THE MASTER WIZARD?
HOW COULD SYLTH NOT BE HERE AT SUCH A CRUCIAL TIME?


AND HE'D SOMEHOW PERSUADE THAT STUBBORN CHIEF TO RELEASE VAITH.
WHAT WOULD HE DO IN THIS SITUA-TION?
HMM, FIRST, I THINK HE WOULD TRACK DOWN YUE!
Talking
blah blah
Find out
ONE WORD FROM HIM AND PEOPLE WOULD DISMISS THAT RIDICULOUS RUMOR ABOUT GLENN, TOO.
HE'D ALSO FIND OUT WHY THE KING WAS ACTING SO STRANGE AND EVERYTHING!
Command
AHHH!!
MEAN-WHILE, I AM USELESS.

...THINK TOGETHER!
LET'S...
SURELY THERE MUST BE SOME THING..
...WE CAN DO!
IT'LL BE ALL RIGHT.

THIS IS IMPOS-SIBLE!
I SIMPLY CAN'T TAKE CARE OF THINGS IN THE SAME EXACT WAY THAT THE MASTER WIZARD WOULD!
THEREFORE, I MUST DO WHAT I CAN DO!
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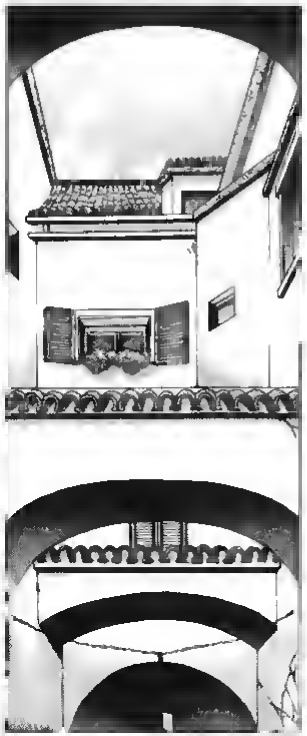
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT, MEL?
WHA?!
YOU? WHAT CAN YOU DO?!



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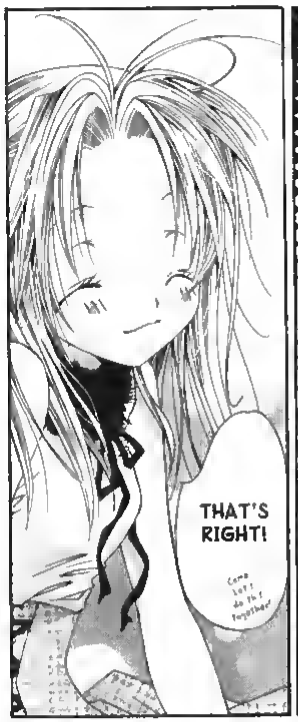
OH, SWELL.
YOU GUYS ARE GIVING UP THE FIGHT ALREADY?

NOT TO POSE AS THE MASTER WIZARD...
...BUT INSTEAD, TO SERVE AS MYSELF...
...BY DOING WHATEVER I CAN DO.


THAT'S RIGHT!

AND I FEAR YOU CAN'T DO ANYTHING BY YOURSELF.

ALL RIGHT...
GUESS IT'S MORE PRODUCTIVE THAN COMPLAINING.
SO FIRST, ALL OUR ADULTS ARE USELESS.

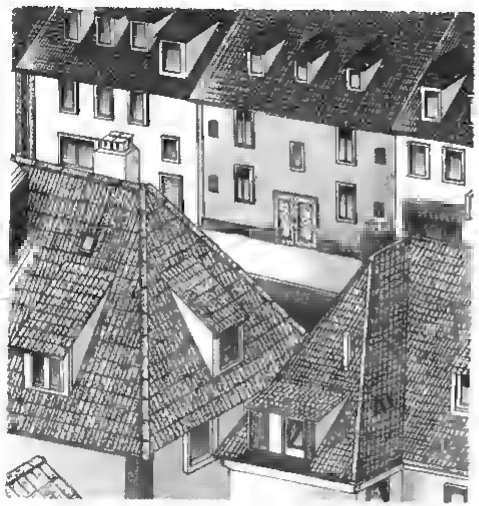
WHO PUT YOU UP TO POSTING THESE PAPERS?
Glenn is my best friend.
NOW, TELL ME!

SLAP
SLAP
SLAP
SLAP
SLAP
WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU?!
HEY!

HUH?
WHAT?

NOW I'LL NEVER GET TO HEAR...
...WHAT YOU THOUGHT OF MY MARVELOUS SKILLS.
AND THEY THOUGHT I WASN'T PAYING ATTENTION IN SCHOOL!
MM-HMM
I SEE I SHOULD HAVE GONE FAR EASIER ON YOU.

THEY'RE BEHAVING LIKE DOLLS.
OH!
I'M RUNNING OUT OF TIME!



WHAT IN THE WORLD IS GOING ON? WHAT IS THIS?

THEY'RE BEHAVING LIKE DOLLS.
WHAT IN THE WORLD IS GOING ON? WHAT IS THIS?
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VAITH WAS THROWN IN JAIL.
GLENN WAS PLACED UNDER HOUSE ARREST FOR SOMETHING HE DIDN'T DO.
AND WHERE IS YUE IN THIS CRAZINESS?
WHAT'S REALLY GOING ON?!

I CONFRONTED THE YOUNG MEN WHO POSTED THOSE HASTY PAPERS ALL OVER TOWN
BUT THEY WERE... UNABLE TO ANSWER MY QUESTIONS.

THEY DIDN'T SEEM NORMAL
IN FACT, I DON'T THINK THEY WERE ALL THERE!
IT SEEMED THEY WERE UNDER SOME KIND OF HYPNOSIS.

FOOL! THEN WHY'D YOU EVEN BRING IT UP?!
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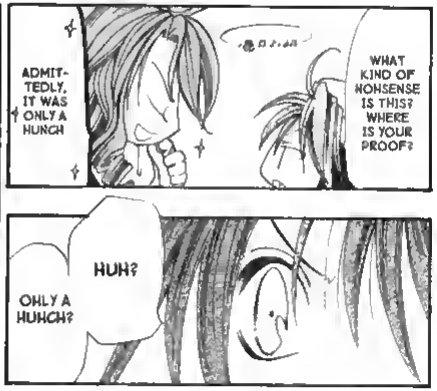
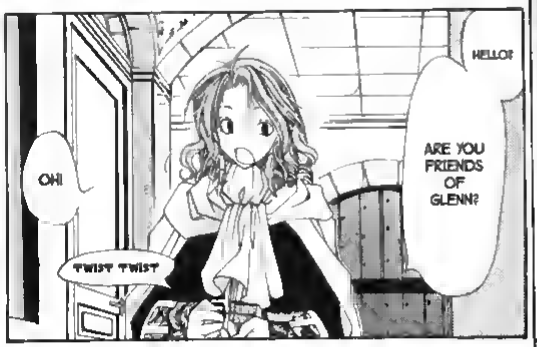
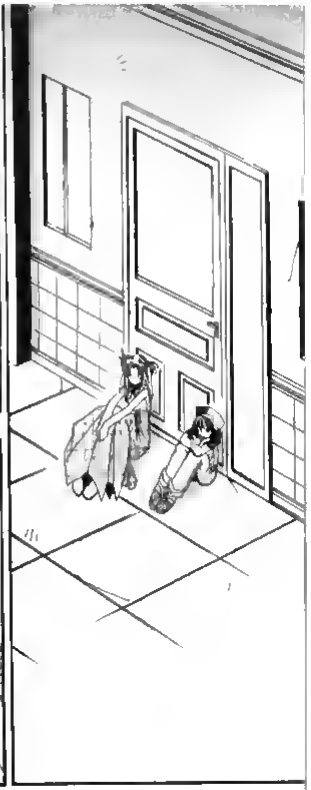
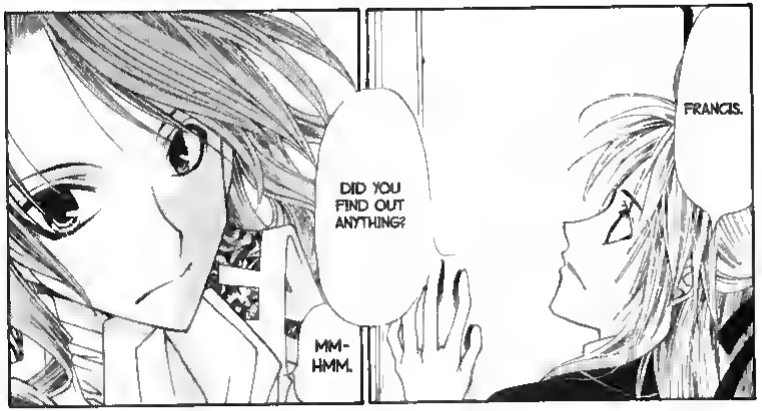
DON'T UNDER ESTIMATE THE POWER OF A HUNCH.


WHAT KIND OF NONSENSE IS THIS? WHERE IS YOUR PROOF?
ADMIT-TEDLY, IT WAS ONLY A HUNCH
HUH?
ONLY A HUNCH?


HELLO!
ARE YOU FRIENDS OF GLENN?
OH!
TWIST TWIST



WHO IS SHE?
HI! YOU'RE THAT HANZE BOY!

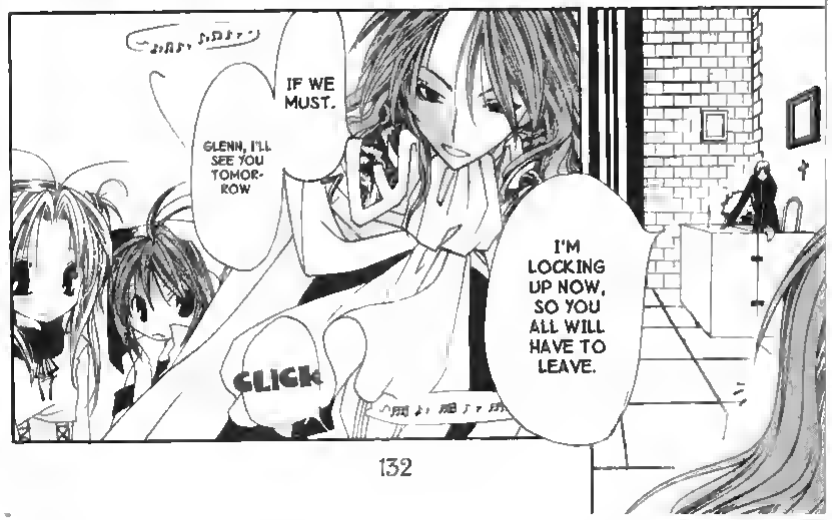

FRANCIS.
DID YOU FIND OUT ANYTHING?
MM-HMM.

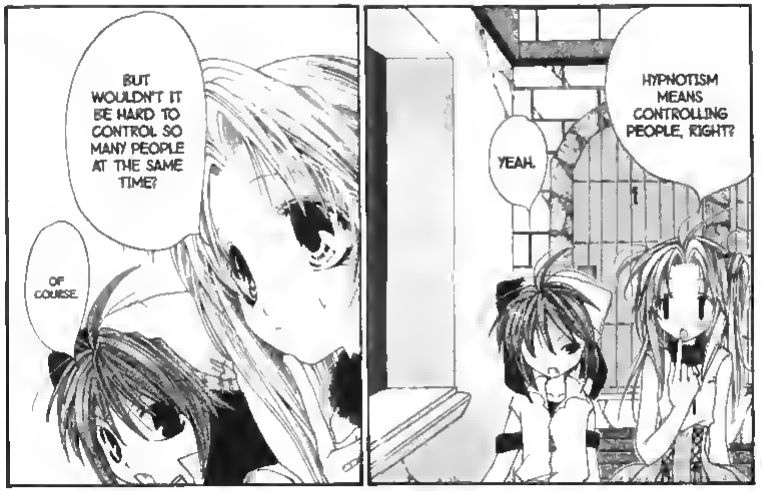
LET'S GO!
MEL!
O...
OKAY!

EVERY-ONE...
...PLEASE BE CAREFUL OUT THERE.

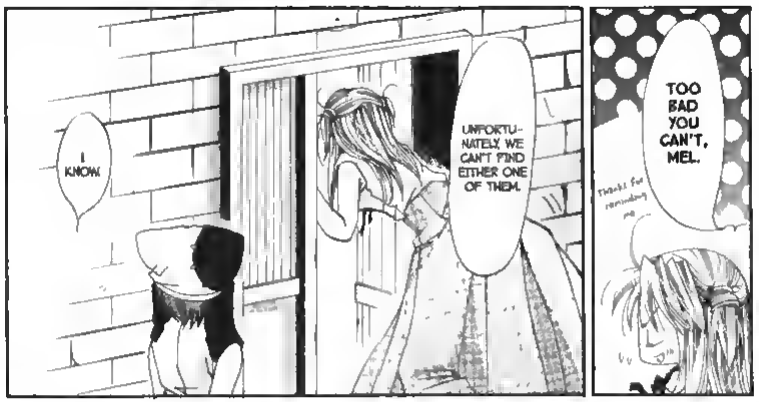
HEY, FERN.
WHAT?

ACTUAL LY, I HEARD ..
ANYWAYS, DO YOU HAVE SOME-THING BETTER?
VAITH IS SO HIGHLY RESPECTED BY HIS MEN!
Bei der Vaith würde nie-mand auch nur ein Haar krümmen
THAT'S UNEXPLAIN-ABLE!
REAL LY?
EH?!
...EVERY BLACK KNIGHT BELIEVES THEY GOT THEIR ORDERS FROM VAITH.


GLENN, I'LL SEE YOU TOMOR-ROW
IF WE MUST.
I'M LOCKING UP NOW, SO YOU ALL WILL HAVE TO LEAVE.
CLICK


BUT WOULDN'T IT BE HARD TO CONTROL SO MANY PEOPLE AT THE SAME TIME?
OF COURSE.
YEAH.
HYPNOTISM MEANS CONTROLLING PEOPLE, RIGHT?

THOUGH BOTH YUE AND SYLTHFARN COULD DO IT.


I KNOW.
UNFORTUNATELY WE CAN'T FIND EITHER ONE OF THEM.
TOO BAD YOU CAN'T, MEL.
Thanks for reminding me.

THEN...
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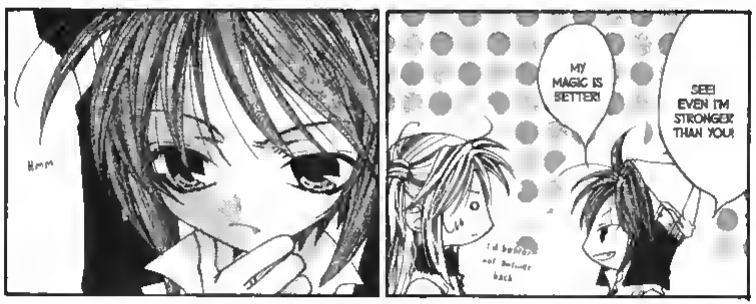
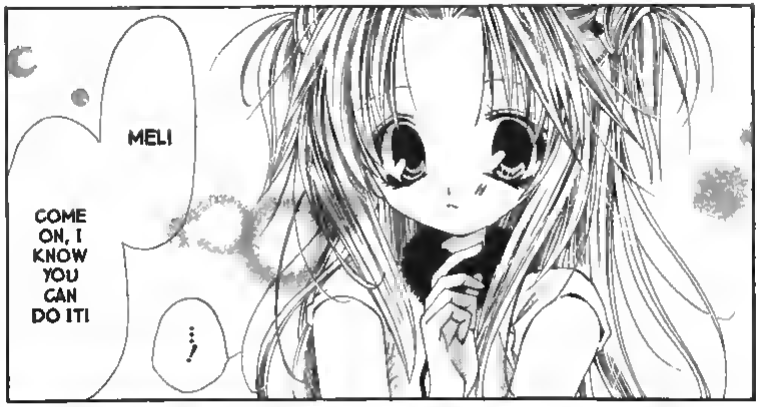
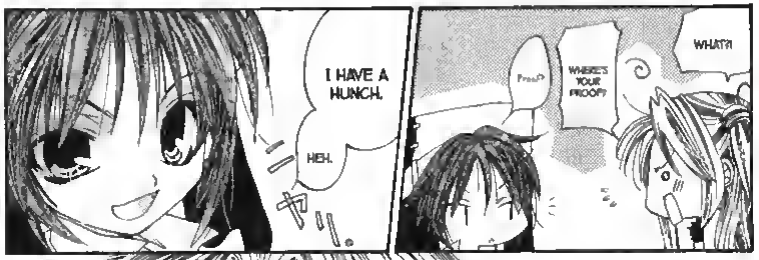
WAH!

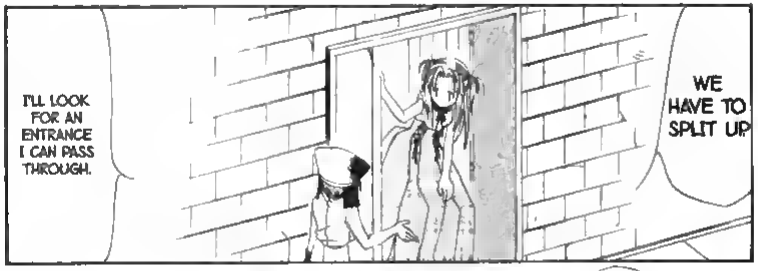
AH, THERE MUST BE A BARRIER HERE DESIGNED TO PREVENT STRONG MAGICAL POWER FROM PASSING.
YOU CAN PASS THROUGH, BUT I CAN'T?
WHAT THE?!


Hmm
MY MAGIC IS BETTER!
SEE! EVEN I'M STRONGER THAN YOU!
I'd better not bother her back


MEL!
COME ON, I KNOW YOU CAN DO IT!
...?


I HAVE A HUNCH.
HEH.
WHAT?!
WHERE'S YOUR PROOF?
Proof?

ALL RIGHT.
I'LL FIND YOU AS SOON AS I CAN!


I'LL LOOK FOR AN ENTRANCE I CAN PASS THROUGH.
WE HAVE TO SPLIT UP.

OKAY, BUT...
UM...
OR LOOK FOR YUE.
MEL, YOU TRY TO NEGOTIATE AND GET VAITH OUT OF PRISON!
!

RELAX! IT'S FINE!

NOW, WHICH WAY TO VAITH'S CELL?
LET'S SEE...
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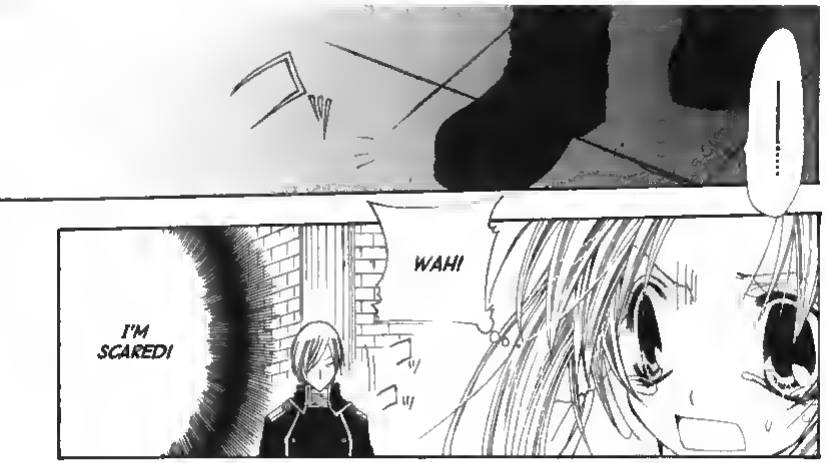
MASTER WIZARD.
WELL...
VAITH...
WHY...
...ARE YOU HERE?
UH...

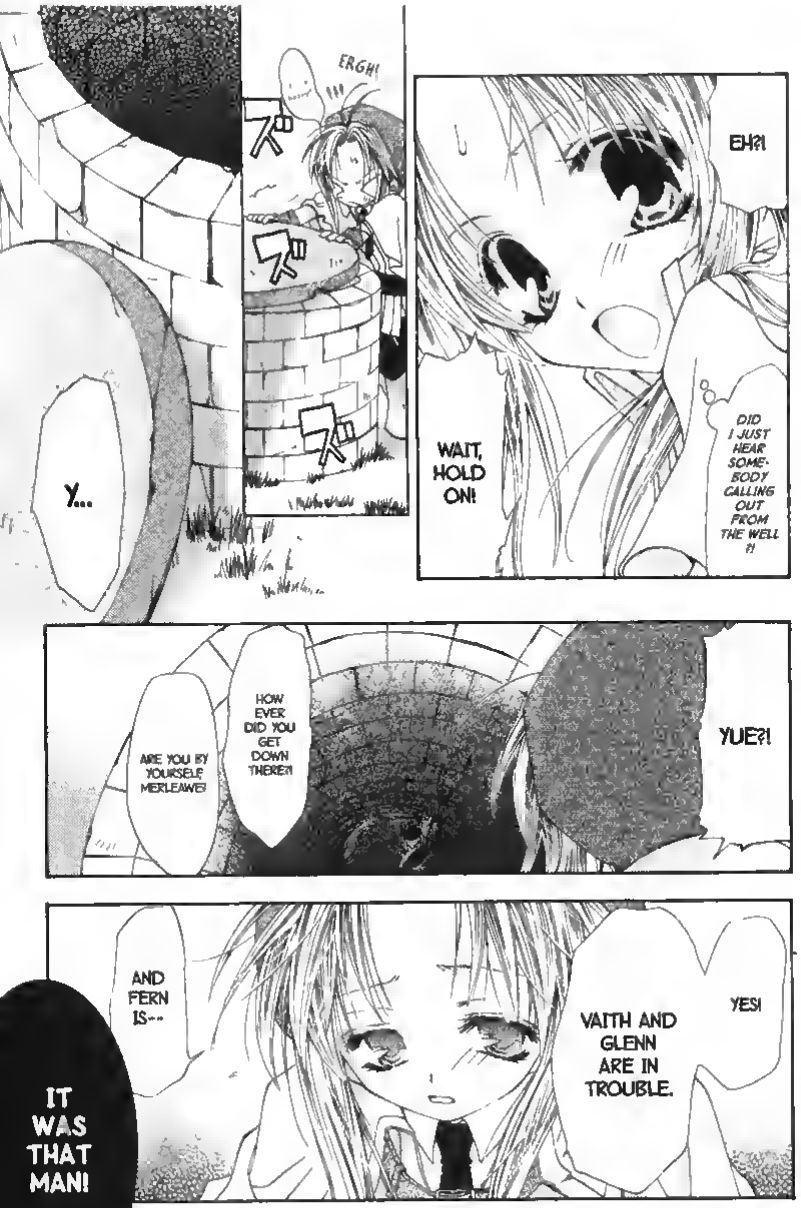
I'LL BE...
...WAITING FOR YOU INSIDE.


I'M SCARED!
WAH!

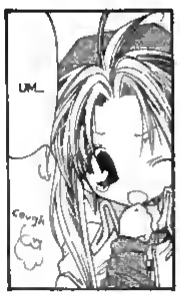
I MUST RUN FASTER!
WHERE IS THE WAY OUT?!
THANK GOD!

THEN...
I WILL COME BACK AGAIN ANOTHER TIME!
EEK!
R-RE...
REALLY?
?!!
OUR LEADER HAS BEEN
...SUS-PENDED.

WHY...
...ARE YOU CHASING ME?!
WHY.
...ARE YOU RUNNING AWAY FROM ME?

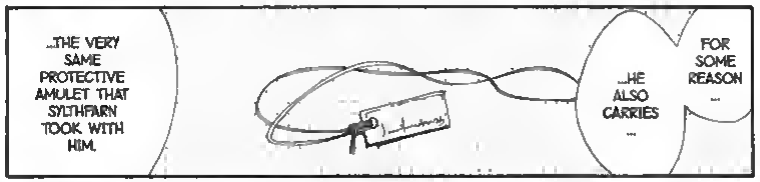

ERGH!
EH?!
WAIT, HOLD ON!
DID I JUST HEAR SOMEBODY CALLING OUT FROM THE WELL?!
Y...
YUE?!
HOW EVER DID YOU GET DOWN THERE?!
ARE YOU BY YOURSELF MERLEAWE?
YES!
VAITH AND GLENN ARE IN TROUBLE.
AND FERN IS...
IT WAS THAT MAN!

WOW
HMM.
THAT BLACK KNIGHT WAS SURE ACTING STRANGE!
WHAT AM I GONNA DO?!
I can't get any closer to Vaith.
WHO'S THERE?!
?!

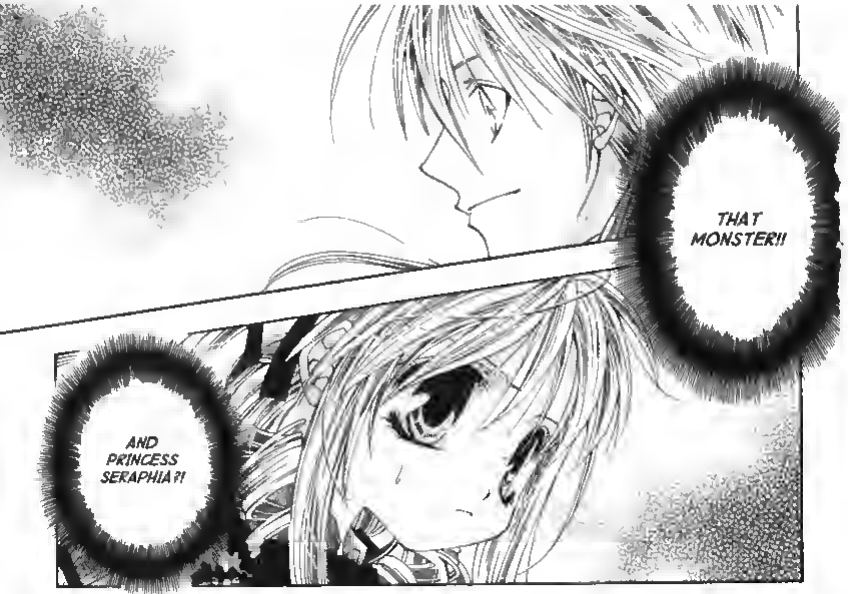

UM...
cough cough

DAMN!
WAIT, MER-LEAWE!
IT IS FAR TOO DANGEROUS FOR YOU TO RETURN TO THE CASTLE BY YOURSELF!

DO YOU REMEMBER THE MAN WHO BROUGHT SYLPHARN'S CLOAK THE OTHER DAY?
HE'S TRYING TO TAKE OVER OUR COUNTRY!
"THAT MAN"?

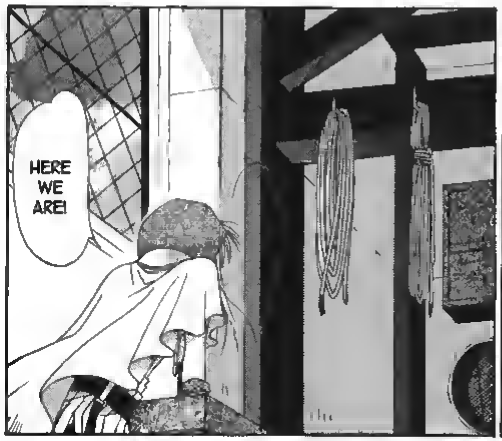

...THE VERY SAME PROTECTIVE AMULET THAT SYLPHARN TOOK WITH HIM.
...HE ALSO CARRIES ...
FOR SOME REASON ...

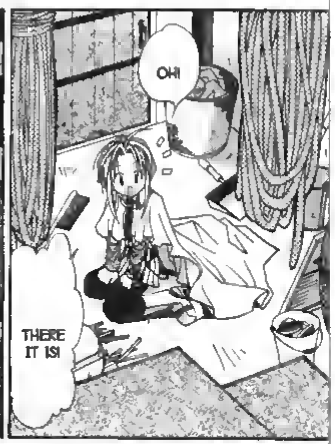
WAIT!
RESCUING YUE IS MY TOP PRIORITY!
I'M...
...GOING TO GET A ROPE OR SOME THING!


THAT MONSTER!!
AND PRINCESS SERAPHIA?!

I MUST GO TO HER RIGHT NOW!
I...
OW OW OW !!
NO WAY!
EEK!

I NEED SOME-THING ELSE!
...HERE'S A BUCKET...
I SEE RAGS...
...A BROOM...


HERE WE ARE!


OH!
THERE IT IS!

EH?

SHE GOT IN MY WAY.
I KILLED HER.
WHAT DID YOU DO WITH MY BODY DOUBLE?
YOU'RE RESPONSIBLE FOR CHANGING MY GRANDFATHER, AREN'T YOU?

WHAT DID YOU SAY?!
WHAT?
!
I WAS GOING TO KILL YOU ANYWAYS, SO I COULD PIN THE CRIME ON THE MASTER WIZARD.
GO AHEAD! THAT'S AN EXCELLENT IDEA!
IF YOU EVEN TRY AS SO MUCH AS TOUCH ME!!
I MEAN IT! I'LL JUMP!
DON'T COME ANY CLOSER!
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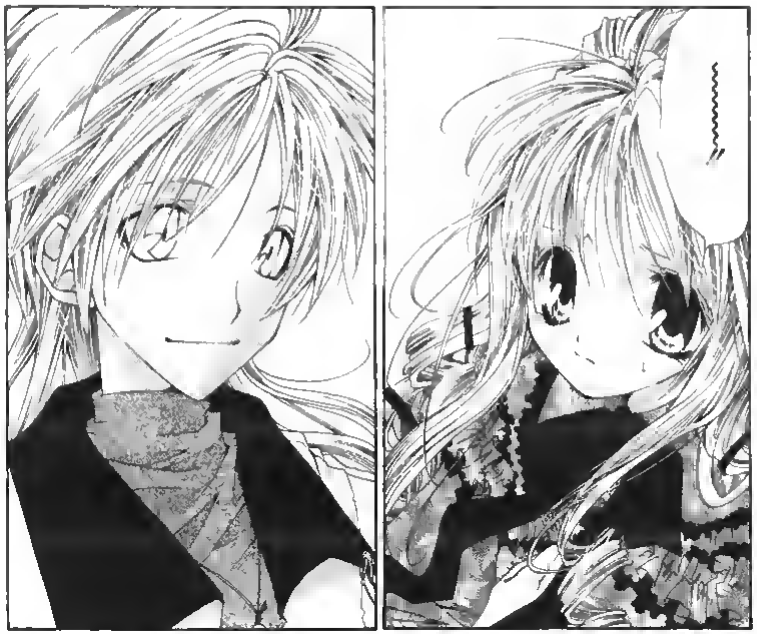

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CESS!!
WHAT FORTUNATE TIMING!
HOW WONDER-FUL!
NOW I CAN KILL THE TWO OF YOU TOGETHER.

I'LL HAVE TO TAKE YOU INTO CUSTODY
COOL YOUR HEAD ON THE COLD DUNGEON FLOOR
WE SIMPLY FOLLOWED THE ORDERS OF YOU, OUR LEADER.
I CAN CREATE WITNESSES AFTER THE FACT!
WHAT ?!
THIS WILL MAKE A GREAT ENDING! THE GRAND FINALE WHERE I STRIKE DOWN THE DERANGED MASTER WIZARD
WHO MURDERED POOR PRINCESS SERAPHIA
How do you like my story so far?

I MUST GET TO THE PRINCESS AT ONCE!
I MUST HURRY! HURRY UP! HURRY!
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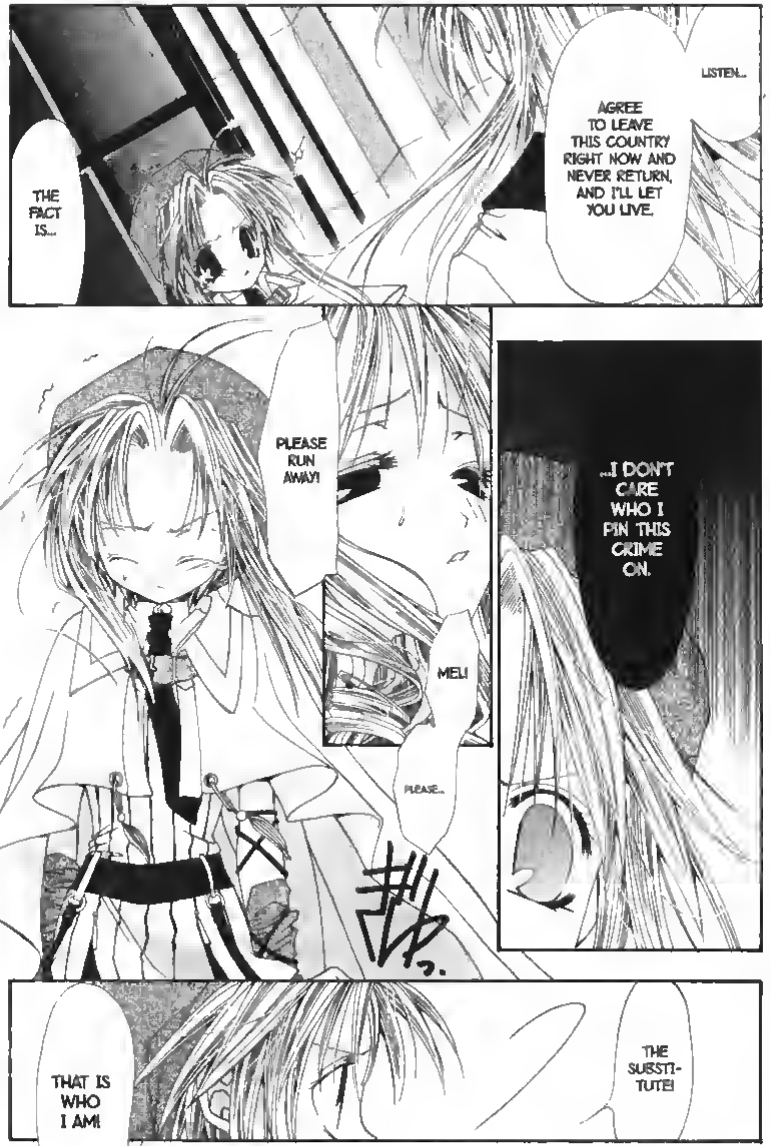
LISTEN...
AGREE TO LEAVE THIS COUNTRY RIGHT NOW AND NEVER RETURN, AND I'LL LET YOU LIVE.
THE FACT IS...
PLEASE RUN AWAY!
MEL!
PLEASE...
...I DON'T CARE WHO I PIN THIS CRIME ON.
THAT IS WHO I AM!
THE SUBSTI-TUTE!

LEAVE HER ALONE! RIGHT NOW!!
Heh.
AH HA HA HA!
WHAT CAN YOU DO? AREN'T YOU A LOWLY OUTSIDER, ANYWAY?
SURE, THEY MAY NEED YOU NOW, BUT YOU'LL BE USELESS THE VERY MOMENT THE REAL MASTER WIZARD RETURNS.
WHY SHOULD YOU TRY SO HARD TO PROTECT THESE PEOPLE?

I THINK NOT. YOU'RE A JOKE. AND EVEN IF YOU HAD THE POWER TO MATCH ME...
...NOTHING WILL WORK AGAINST ME AS LONG AS I HAVE THIS AMULET.
DO YOU MEAN TO SAY THAT YOU ACTUALLY LIKE THEM?
WHAT CAN YOUR LOVE DO FOR YOU? WILL YOU GET ANY STRONGER?
Stronger than me?
I CARE!
ALL THESE PEOPLE ARE IMPORTANT TO ME NOW!
AND I WILL HELP THEM!
SURE, I MAY BE JUST THE SUBSTI-TUTE..
...AND THEY MAY NOT CARE WHO THAT SUBSTI-TUTE IS
BUT!
THIS VERY CHARM THAT I SNATCHED AWAY FROM YOUR MASTER WIZARD!
EVEN POOR YUE PROVED POWERLESS AGAINST IT!
Cough
AN AMULET?
SYLTH'S AMULET?
HOW AMAZ-ING!
ISN'T IT?

MEL!
IT'S A FLOWER!
USE YOUR FLOWER MAGIC!! AGAINST HIM!!
EH?!
FLOWER?
Um...
WHAT?!

YOU WOULD THINK SO, RIGHT?
WHAT IF SOMEBODY STOLE IT FROM YOU! THAT'D BE BAD!
SO THIS TINY ANCIENT TRINKET WILL PROTECT YOU FROM EVERY MAGICAL POWER IN THE WORLD?
WHAT KIND OF SPELL?
WELL...
BUT THE ANCIENT PEOPLE WERE MOST CLEVER!
THEY PROTECTED THE AMULET WITH A SPELL THAT PREVENTS ANYONE WHO STEALS IT FROM USING IT.
LISTEN.
THE SPELL IS...
IT'S OUR LITTLE SECRET, OKAY?

Heh heh
WHAT'S THIS?
CELE-BRATING YOUR DEATH?
す…っ
……
?!!

EEK!!
PRINCESS!!
WHA?
WHAT'S THIS?!
URK!
Gack!

FORGIVE ME FOR CAUSING YOU SUCH TERRIBLE TROUBLE, MEL
OH...
SYLTH, I'LL NEVER SEE YOU AGAIN...
I MISS YOU.
I WANTED TO SEE YOU AGAIN!
PRINCESS!!
OH...!
NO!
NOOO!!

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YOU'RE SUCH A TOMBOY!
YOU SHOULDN'T LET YOURSELF FALL FROM SUCH A HIGH PLACE..
...PRINCESS SERAPHIA!

I ASKED YOU TO ALWAYS CALL ME BY MY NAME...
.....?!
Huh?

キュッ
FERN.
YES!

JUST KEEP SUPPORTING MY BODY, OKAY?
WHAT?!

THAT DAMN KID!
D..
DAMN IT!
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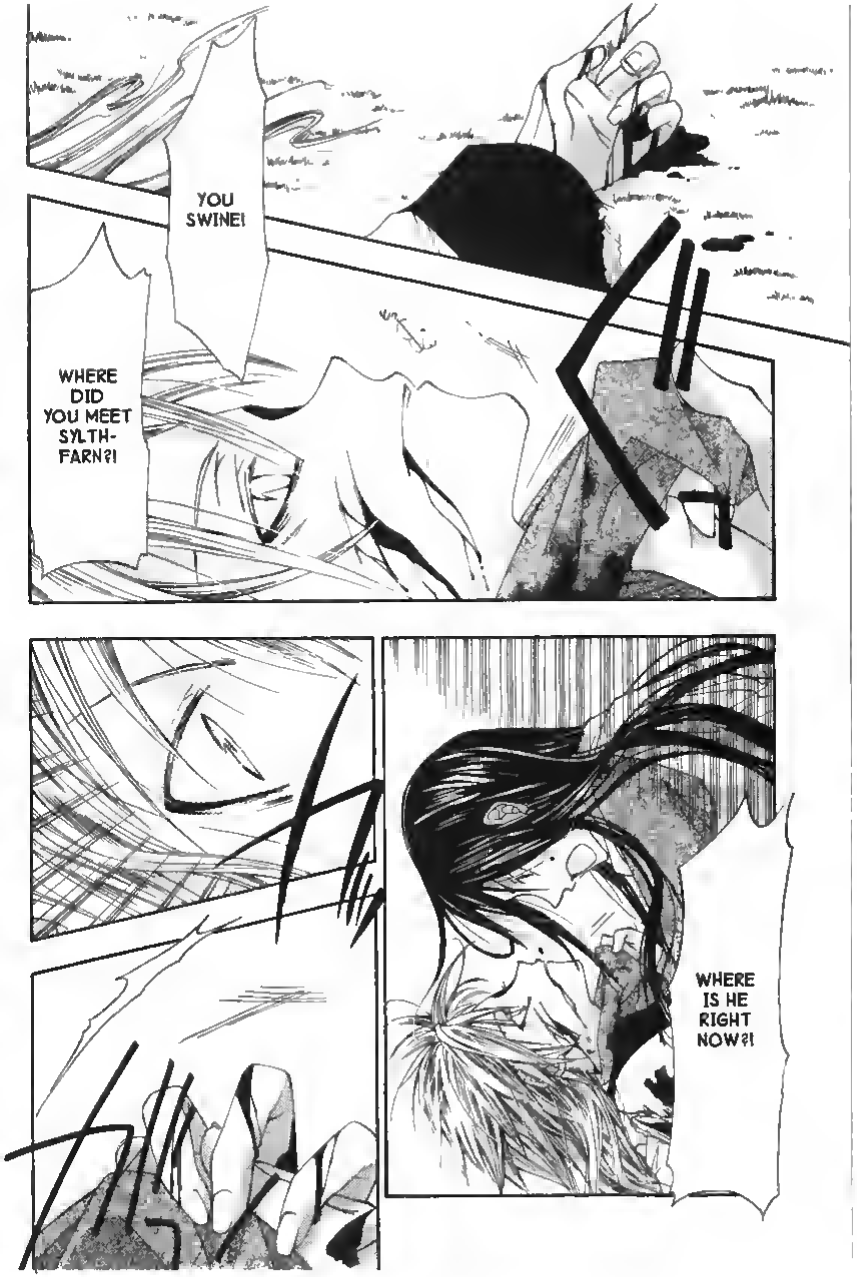
HA HA! HA HA HA!
I'M GOING TO KILL YOU!

THIS IS SUCH A BORING ENDING!
.....
AM I TRULY DEFEAT-ED...
...BY YOU WORTH-LESS LITTLE PEOPLE?!
HA HA HA...
JUST LIKE HIM...
"HIM"?


YOU SWINE!
WHERE DID YOU MEET SYLTH-FARN?!
WHERE IS HE RIGHT NOW?!

HEY.
WHAT'D HE SAY, YUE?

WHO IS "HE"?!
WH... WHAT DID YOU SAY?!
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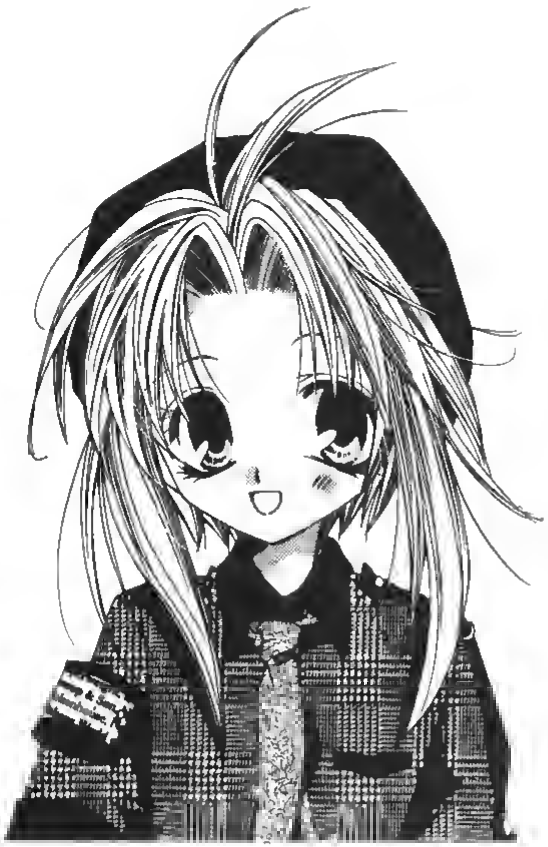


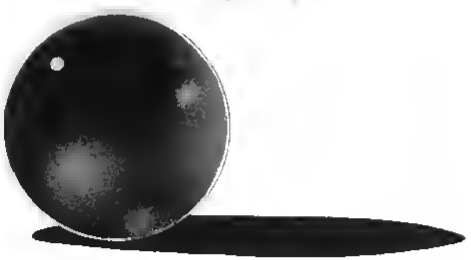
...SYLTHFARN
IS DEAD?

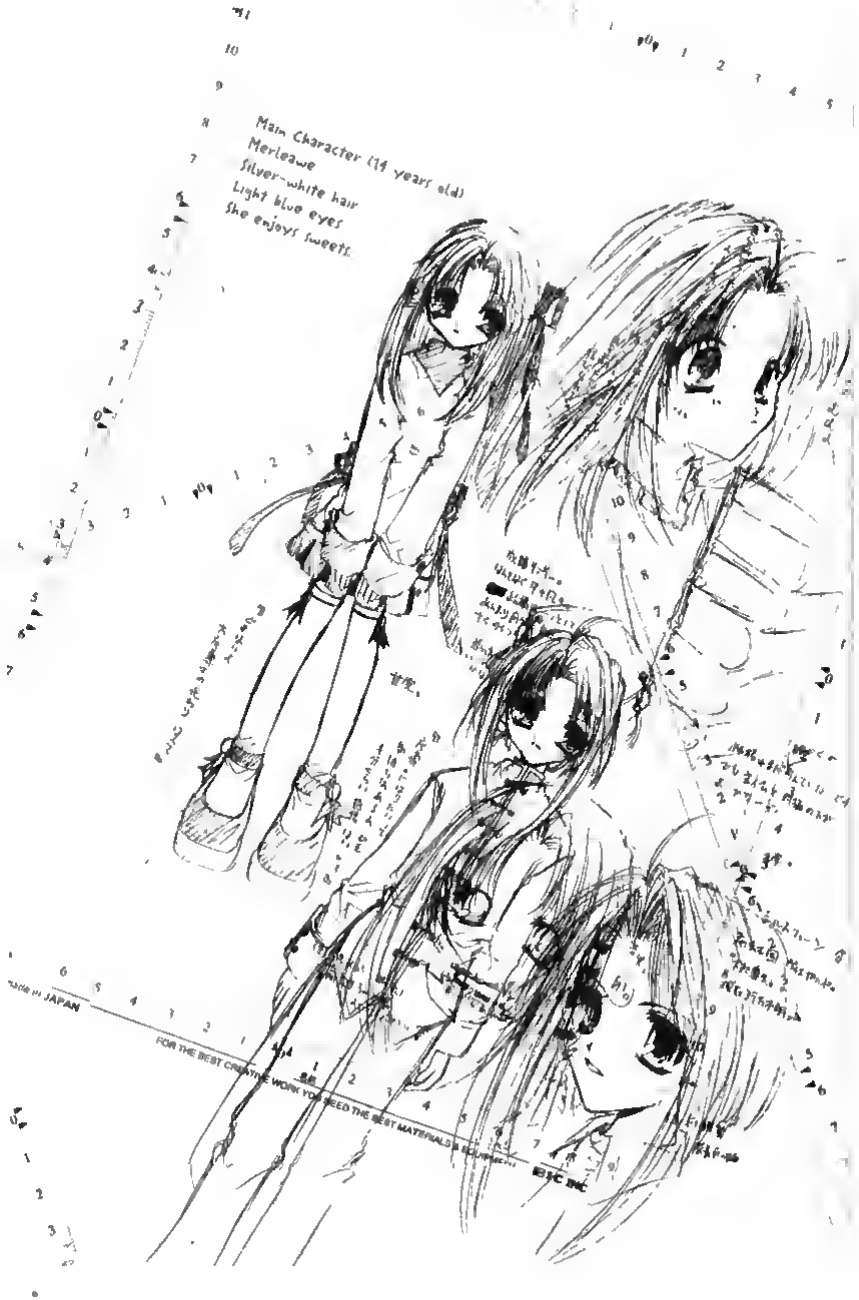
MY TIME OOESN'T CORRESPOND WITH THAT OF OTHER PEOPLE.

IT HAS ALWAYS PASSED FASTER THAN THAT OF OTHERS.

I MAOE FRIENOS OF MANY AGES...

...TO OBSCURE THE OIFFERENCE.





THIS PERSON ..
...WAS BORN UNDER A VERY INFLUENTIAL STAR
BUT ITS BRILLIANCE IS ONLY MATCHED BY ITS BREVITY.
MOST LIKELY, THIS PERSON WILL DIE BEFORE HE EVEN BECOMES AN ADULT.

MAY I ASK ...
...WHO THIS MAN IS?
I HOPE I CAN TRUST YOU TO KEEP A SECRET
SADLY, THE STAR I ASKED ABOUT WAS YUE'S.

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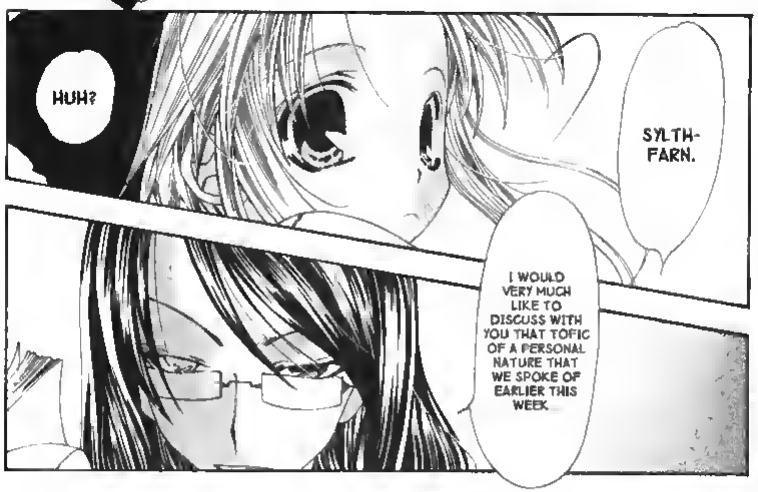
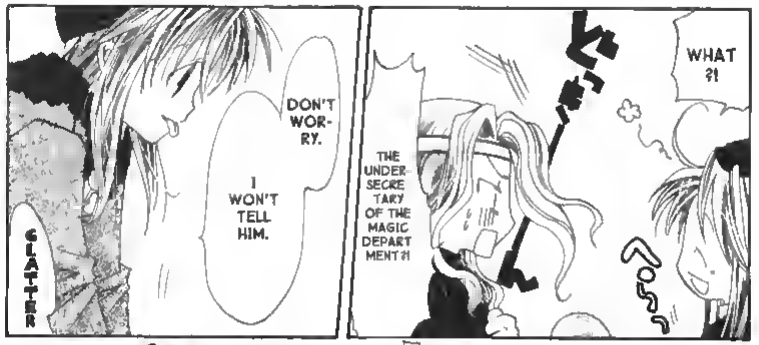
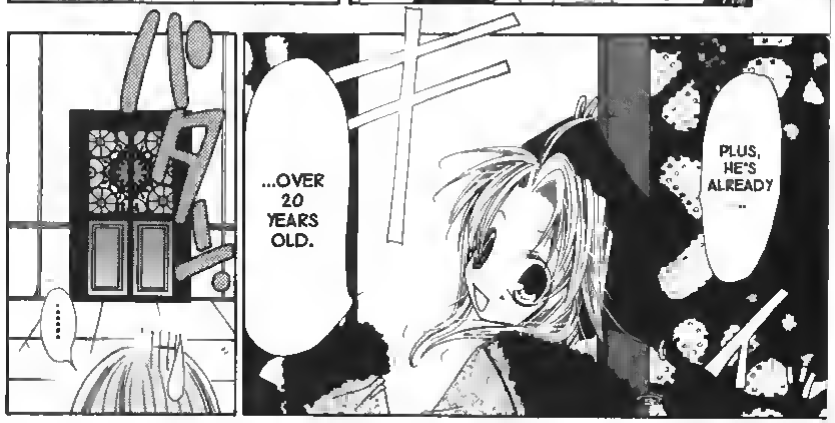
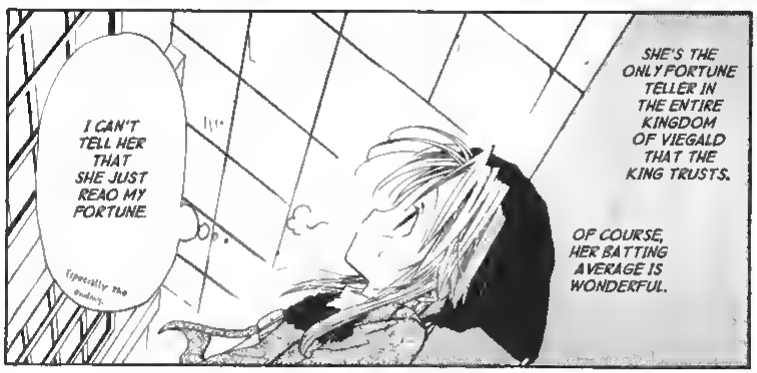
I WONDER...
HOW LONG DO I HAVE TO LIVE?


HUH?
SYLTHFARN.
I WOULD VERY MUCH LIKE TO DISCUSS WITH YOU THAT TOPIC OF A PERSONAL NATURE THAT WE SPOKE OF EARLIER THIS WEEK...


SPATTER
DON'T WORRY.
I WON'T TELL HIM.
THE UNDERSECRETARY OF THE MAGIC DEPARTMENT?!
WHAT?!


.....
...OVER 20 YEARS OLD.
PLUS, HE'S ALREADY...


I CAN'T TELL HER THAT SHE JUST READ MY FORTUNE.
Especially the ending.
SHE'S THE ONLY FORTUNE TELLER IN THE ENTIRE KINGDOM OF VIEGALD THAT THE KING TRUSTS.
OF COURSE, HER BATTING AVERAGE IS WONDERFUL.

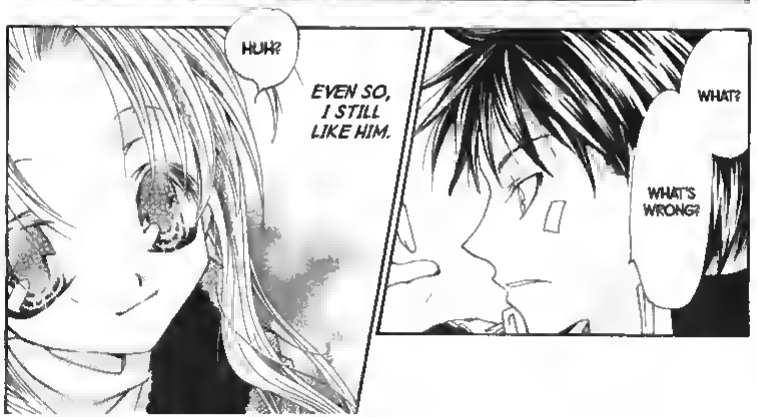
HEY!
SYLTH!
HELLO!
VAITH!
HOW WAS YOUR PRAC-TICE?
IS HE GOOFING OFF AGAIN?!
DOESN'T HE KNOW HE'S THE CAPTAIN OF THE BLACK KNIGHTS?!
DOESN'T HE KNOW HE'S THE MASTER WIZARD?!

I WOULD LIKE YOU TO TAKE CARE OF THE MATTER!
Hey!
LACKEY
OH!
Eh heh
NO, THAT'S NOT WHY I DO IT.
I just don't get it
AGAIN?
YOU MUST SEVERELY DISLIKE ME TO BURDEN ME WITH YOUR MOST UNPLEAS-ANT TASKS
...YUE.
Hmph!
Hmph!
Hmph!
Hmph!
INSTEAD, IT MEANS THAT I TRUST YOU...

.....
The difference is 30 cm!
I JUST REALIZED YOU'RE REALLY TALL.
I USED TO...
PAT

I NEVER THOUGHT I'D GET SO TALL.
Are you glad?
...BE YOUR HEIGHT WHEN I WAS YOUNGER.
I GOT PICKED ON BECAUSE I WASN'T SKILLED LIKE I AM NOW.
For some reason, he grates on my nerves!

LOUSY! I'M TOO STRONG FOR THEM. I DON'T HAVE ANYBODY TO FIGHT AGAINST.
IN FACT, I'M SERIOUSLY CONSIDERING NOT ATTENDING PRACTICE AGAIN UNTIL THEY'RE READY FOR ME.
Eh heh heh
FAITH IS ALWAYS..
...SMART ALECK OR BAD BOY.
It's boring to have no enemies!
...HIDING BEHIND THE PERSONA OF...


HUH?
EVEN SO, I STILL LIKE HIM.
WHAT?
WHAT'S WRONG?

STUPID SYLTH! YOU MADE MY COCOA SPICY!!
BINGO! ☆
He cry in?
キー!
OH, MY WORD. I THOUGHT THE COLOR WAS KIND OF STRANGE...
Calm down! Fern
AH HA HA!
WOW!
IT WAS HILAR-IOUS...
the way he reacts
IF ONLY I COULD HAVE SEEN YOUR FACE WHEN YOU DRANK IT!
Ha, ha!
Grr!

FERN.
WHAT'S WRONG?
IS HE MAD AT ME?
OH!!
SYLTH!!
COULD HE BE MAD AT ME FOR MIXING GARAM MASALA INTO HIS COCOA?
WHAT NOW?
OH... MAYBE THAT?
...COCOA!!
MY...
OR MAYBE--

THAT'S RIGHT, I'M THE MASTER WIZARD.
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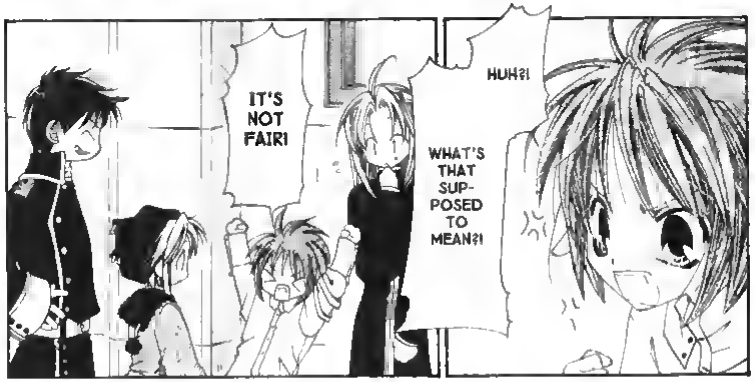
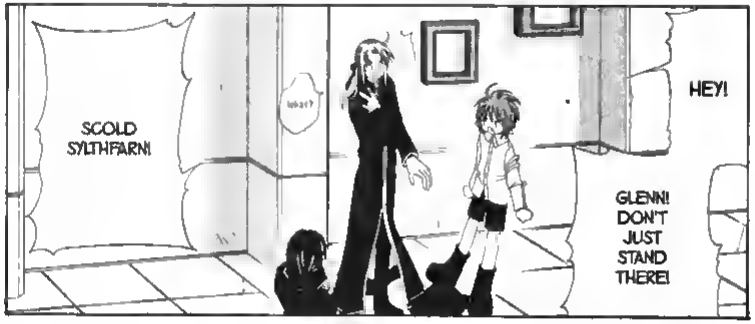
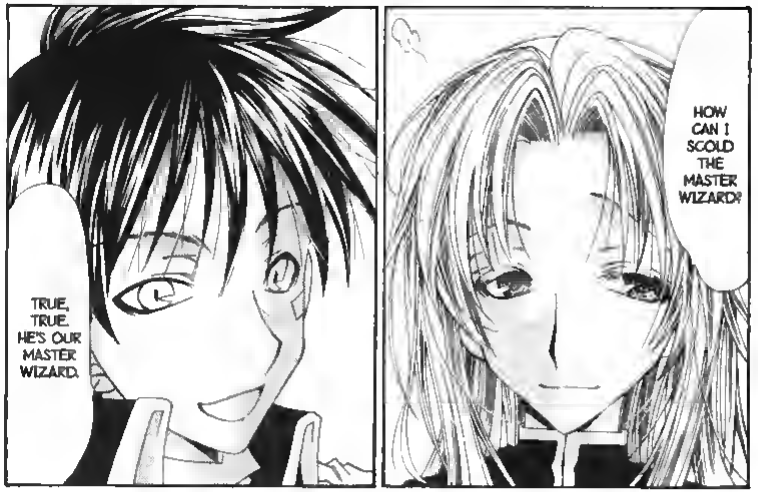
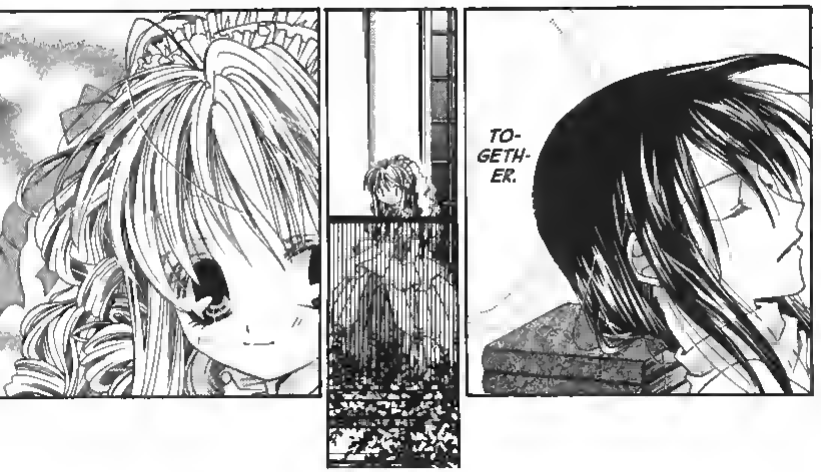

IT'S NOT FAIR!
HUH?!
WHAT'S THAT SUP-POSED TO MEAN?!

I am so sorry!
really think you can get away with something like that?!


SCOLD SYLTHFARN!
what?
HEY!
GLENN! DON'T JUST STAND THERE!

pfft!
pfft!
pfft!
pfft!
pfft!
...
...
what...


TRUE, TRUE. HE'S OUR MASTER WIZARD.
HOW CAN I SCOLD THE MASTER WIZARD?



WE LAUGHED...

WE LAUGHED SO HARD TOGETHER.

...UNTIL WE HAD TEARS IN OUR EYES.

Postscript

Hi, this is Mizutani. In volume 4, a villain appeared for the very first time. I sure did enjoy drawing that bad guy a lot! I also got to illustrate a fight scene with Yue! And I got to show Merleawe's serious side. I hope you enjoyed reading this book as much as I liked drawing it!

What is going to happen with Sylthfarn? Yikes, I actually have to think about what will happen to him now. I will do my best to create an interesting story! I'm talking like it's someone else's job.

Oh! Thank you for your kind letters and gifts! I'm so very happy to receive them! They are the source of my energy!

The fact that you support my work means so very much! I can't thank you enough! And I really do appreciate that you have kept on supporting me. Can't wait to see you in volume 5!

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Yuu Mizutani. January 2005

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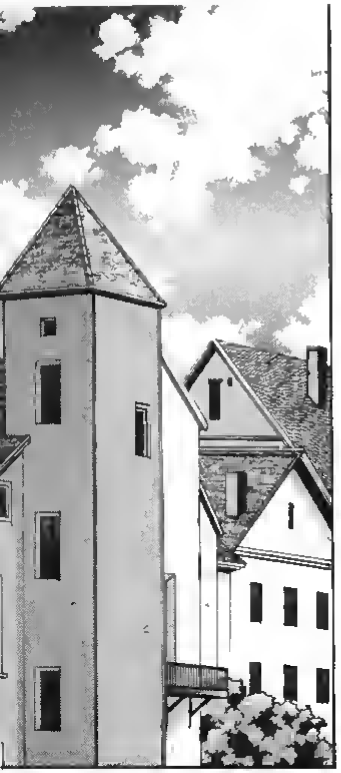
My Confession
I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A CONFESSION
ALTHOUGH I KNOW THIS IS SUDDEN...
scratch scratch
THERE WAS TIME WHEN I WOULD COMPLETELY IGNORE THOSE WHO DARED TRY TO TALK WITH ME.
I RUINED ANY STORY THAT THEY TOLD...
BY SIMPLY NEVER LISTENING TO THEM
WHY ARE YOU ALWAYS LIKE THAT?
BRR!
I'M SORRY NOW

Ardi =Auris
height → 170cm
hair → White
eyes → Red
blood type → AB

Marvelous.
Francis
height → 180cm
hair → Orange Blown
eyes → Violet
blood type → A

My Timid Story
HELLO. I'M YUZU MIZUTANI
WOW
HI THERE. I AM STILL GROWING OUT MY HAIR AFTER SURVIVING MY DILEMMA.
Hmm? there's a dial switch.
...A CURLING IRON!
I BOUGHT
I HAVE ALWAYS ALWAYS WANTED TO HAVE CURLY HAIR!
GREAT, I'VE FAILED MISERABLY BECAUSE I'M TOO TIMID WHEN I TRY NEW THINGS
Okay, I can't do it so well on this side



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